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Preface

About This Manual

This manual is written for system integrators, PC technicians and knowledgeable PC users. It provides information for the installation and use of the SUPERMICRO X6DH8-G2+/X6DHE-G2+ motherboard. The SUPERMICRO X6DH8-G2+/X6DHE-G2+ supports single or dual Intel® single-core/dual-core 64-bit 604 pin Xeon™ processors at a 800 MHz front side bus. The X6DH8-G2+/X6DHE-G2+ supports the Intel EM64T, the Demand-Based Switching (DBS) with Enhanced Intel SpeedStep technology, providing the user with high efficiency server platforms that handle complex, simultaneous and escalating data transactions. Please refer to the motherboard specifications pages on our web site (http://www.supermicro.com/Product/motherboard) for updates on supported processors. This product is intended to be professionally installed.

Manual Organization

Chapter 1 describes the features, specifications and performance of the mainboard and provides detailed information about the chipset.

Chapter 2 provides hardware installation instructions. Read this chapter when installing the processor, memory modules and other hardware components into the system. If you encounter any problems, see **Chapter 3**, which describes troubleshooting procedures for the video, the memory and the system setup stored in CMOS.

Chapter 4 includes an introduction to BIOS and provides detailed information on running the CMOS Setup utility.

Appendix A provides BIOS POST Messages.

Appendix B lists BIOS POST Codes.

Appendix C lists Software Installation Instructions.

Conventions Used in the Manual:

Special attention should be given to the following symbols for proper installation and to prevent damage done to the components or injury to yourself:

Danger/Caution: Instructions to be strictly followed to prevent catastrophic system failure or to avoid bodily injury.

Warning: Important information given to ensure proper system installation or to prevent damage to the components.

Note: Additional Information given to differentiate various models or to ensure correct system setup.

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Chapter 1
Introduction

1-1 Overview

Checklist

Congratulations on purchasing your computer motherboard from an acknowledged leader in the industry. Supermicro boards are designed with the utmost attention to detail to provide you with the highest standards in quality and performance. Check that the following items have all been included with your motherboard. If anything listed here is damaged or missing, contact your retailer.

The following items are included in the Retail Box.

One (1) Supermicro Mainboard

One (1) ribbon cable for IDE devices

One (1) floppy ribbon cable

One (1) Ultra 320 SCSI cable (X6DH8-G2+ only)

One (1) COM2 cable

One (1) USB (2-port) cable

One (1) SATA cable

One (1) I/O backpanel shield

One (1) Supermicro CD containing drivers and utilities

One (1) User's/BIOS Manual

One (1) Ultra 320 SCSI User's Manual (X6DH8-G2+ only)

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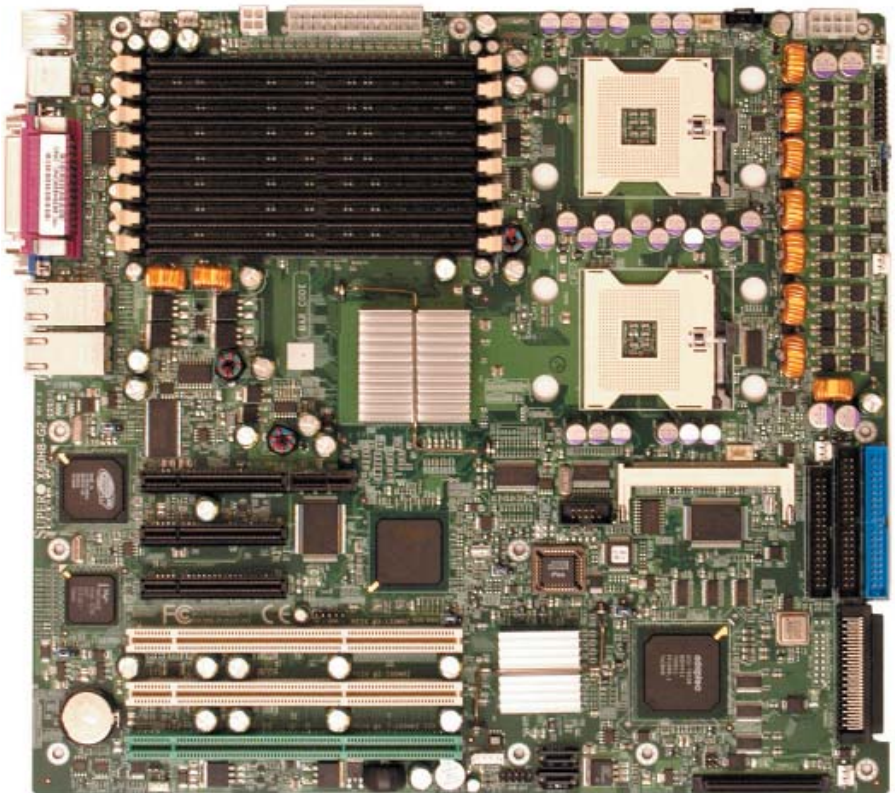
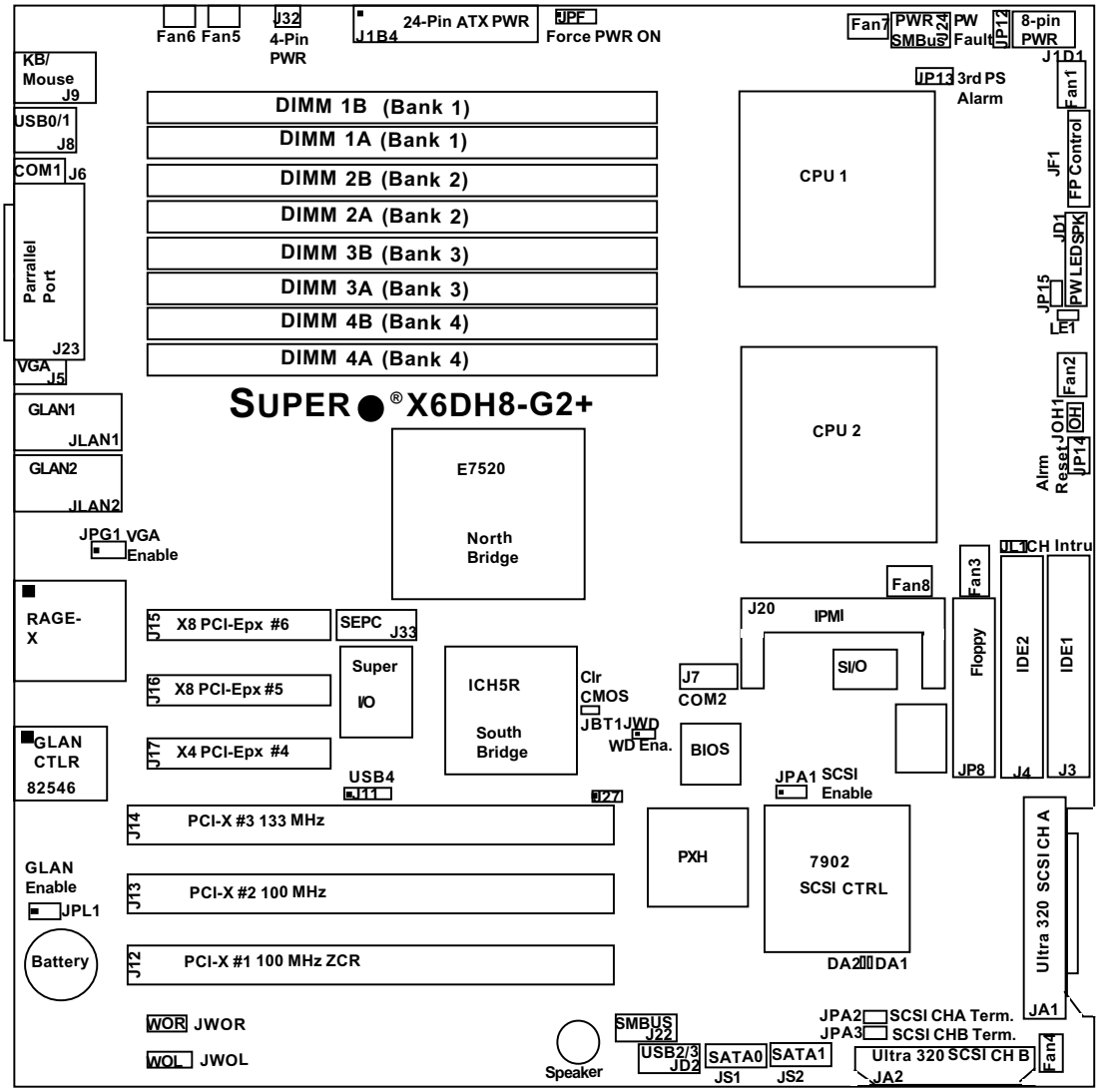
Figure 1-1. SUPER® X6DH8-G2+/X6DHE-G2+ Image



Note: The drawings and pictures shown in this manual were based on the latest PCB Revision available at the time of publishing of the manual. The motherboard you've received may or may not look exactly the same as the graphics shown in the manual.

Figure 1-2. SUPER® X6DH8-G2+/X6DHE-G2+ Motherboard Layout

(not drawn to scale)



Notes:

1. Jumpers not indicated are for test purposes only.
2. See Chapter 2 for detailed information on jumpers, I/O ports and JF1 front panel connections.
3. "▪" indicates the location of Pin 1.
4. SCSI is for the X6DH8-G2+ only
5. SEPC: Supermicro Enhanced Power Connector, specially designed to support Supermicro 2U Riser Card (CSE-RR2UE-AX) only.
6. When the LE1 LED is on, the 5V Standby PWR is on. Maker sure to unplug the power cord before installing or removing components.
7. Be sure to install the Zero Channel RAID card (ZCR) in the Green Slot.

Quick Reference (X6DH8-G2+/X6DHE-G2+)
(Refer to Chapter 2 for detailed information)

Jumper	Description	Default Setting
JBT1	CMOS Clear	See Chapter 2
JP12	PWR Fault	See Chapter 2
JP13	3rd PW Supply Fail Alarm Enable	Off (Disabled)
JP14	Alarm Reset	Off (Disabled)
JPA1	SCSI Controller Enable	Pins 1-2 (Enabled)(Note)
JPA2, JPA3	SCSI CHA(JPA2),CHB(JPA3)Term.En	Off (Enabled)(Note)
JPF	Force PWR On	Off (Normal)
JPG1	VGA Enable	Pins 1-2 (Enabled)
JPL1	GLAN Enable/Disable	Pins 1-2 (Enabled)
JWD	Watch Dog	Pins 1-2 (Reset)

Connector	Description
ATX PWR (J1B4)	Primary ATX PWR Connector
Aux. PWR (J32)	+12V 4-pin Auxiliary System PWR (Required)
CPU PWR(J1D1)	+12 V 8-pin CPU PWR Connector (Required)
COM1 (J6)/COM2 (J7)	COM1/COM2 Serial Port Connectors
FAN 1-8	Fans 1-6 system fans,Fan7:CPU1Fan, Fan8:CPU2 Fan
DIMM#1A-DIMM#4B	Memory DDRII Slots
GLAN 1/2 (JLAN1/2)	G-bit Ethernet Ports
J3/J4	IDE1/2 Hard Disk Drive Connectors
J5	VGA Connector
J9	Keyboard/Mouse
J20	IPMI 2.0 Socket
J22	System Management Bus Header
J23	Parallel (Printer) Port
J24	Power System Management Header
JA1/JA2	SCSI Channel A/Channel B Connectors(Note)
JD1	PWR LED(pins1-3)/Speaker Header (pins 4-7)
JF1	Front Control Panel Connector
JL1	Chassis Intrusion Header
JOH1	Overheat LED
JP8	Floppy Disk Drive Connector
JS1/JS2	Intel SATA 0/1 Connectors
JWOL	Wake-on-LAN Header
JWOR	Wake-on-Ring Header
USB 0/1 (J8)	Back Panel USB Ports 0-1
USB 2/3(JD2)/USB 4(J11)	Front Panel Universal Serial Bus Headers

Indicator	Description
LE1	Power LED
DA1/DA2	SCSI CH A LED (DA1)/SCSI CH B LED(DA2) (Note)

(Note: for X6DH8-G2+ only)

Motherboard Features

CPU

- Single or dual Intel® Xeon single-core/dual-core 64-bit 604-pin processors at a front side (system) bus speed of 800 MHz.

Memory

- Eight 240-pin DIMM sockets supporting up to 16 GB Registered ECC DDR2-400 (PC3200) Memory

Chipset

- Intel E7520 (North Bridge) + ICH5R + PXH (PCI Bus Hub)

Expansion Slots

- Two PCI-E slots at x8@4GB/sec (one with SEPC-Supermicro)
- One PCI-E at slot x4@2GB sec
- One PCI-X-133 slot
- Two PCI-X-100 slots (The Green Slot supports Zero Channel RAID (ZCR).

BIOS

- 8 Mb Phoenix® Flash ROM
- DMI 2.1, PCI 2.2, ACPI 1.0, Plug and Play (PnP), SMBIOS 2.3, PCI-X 1.0.

PC Health Monitoring

- Onboard voltage monitors for CPU cores, chipset voltage, 3.3V, +5V, +12V and 3.3V standby
- Fan status monitor
- CPU/chassis temperature monitors
- Environmental temperature monitor and control
- CPU slow-down on temperature overheat
- CPU thermal trip support for processor protection
- Power-up mode control for recovery from AC power loss
- Auto-switching voltage regulator for CPU core
- System overheat LED and control
- Chassis intrusion detection
- System resource alert

ACPI Features

- Microsoft OnNow
- ACPI/ACPM Power Management
- Wake-On Ring (WOR) Header
- Internal/External Modem Ring On
- Wake-On LAN (WOL) Header
- Slow blinking LED for suspend state indicator
- Main switch override mechanism

Onboard I/O

- Adaptec 7902 dual-channel Ultra 320 SCSI (X6DH8-G2+ only)
- One IPMI 2.0 socket
- Intel Gigabit 82546GB dual-port Ethernet controller (PCI-X-133)
- 2 EIDE Ultra DMA/100 bus master interfaces
- 2 SATA ports (w/RAID0, RAID1, JBOD support)
- 1 floppy port interface
- 2 serial ports
- 1 EPP/ECP Parallel Port
- PS/2 mouse and PS/2 keyboard ports
- Up to 5 USB 2.0 (Universal Serial Bus) (2 ports, 3 Headers)
- Super I/O: Winbond W83627HF w/Hardware Monitor support: W83792D

Other

- External modem ring-on
- Wake-on-LAN (WOL)
- Console redirection
- Onboard Fan Speed Control by Thermal Management via BIOS

CD/Diskette Utilities

- BIOS flash upgrade utility and device drivers

Dimensions

- ATX Ext. 12" x 13.05" (304.8 x 331.5 mm)

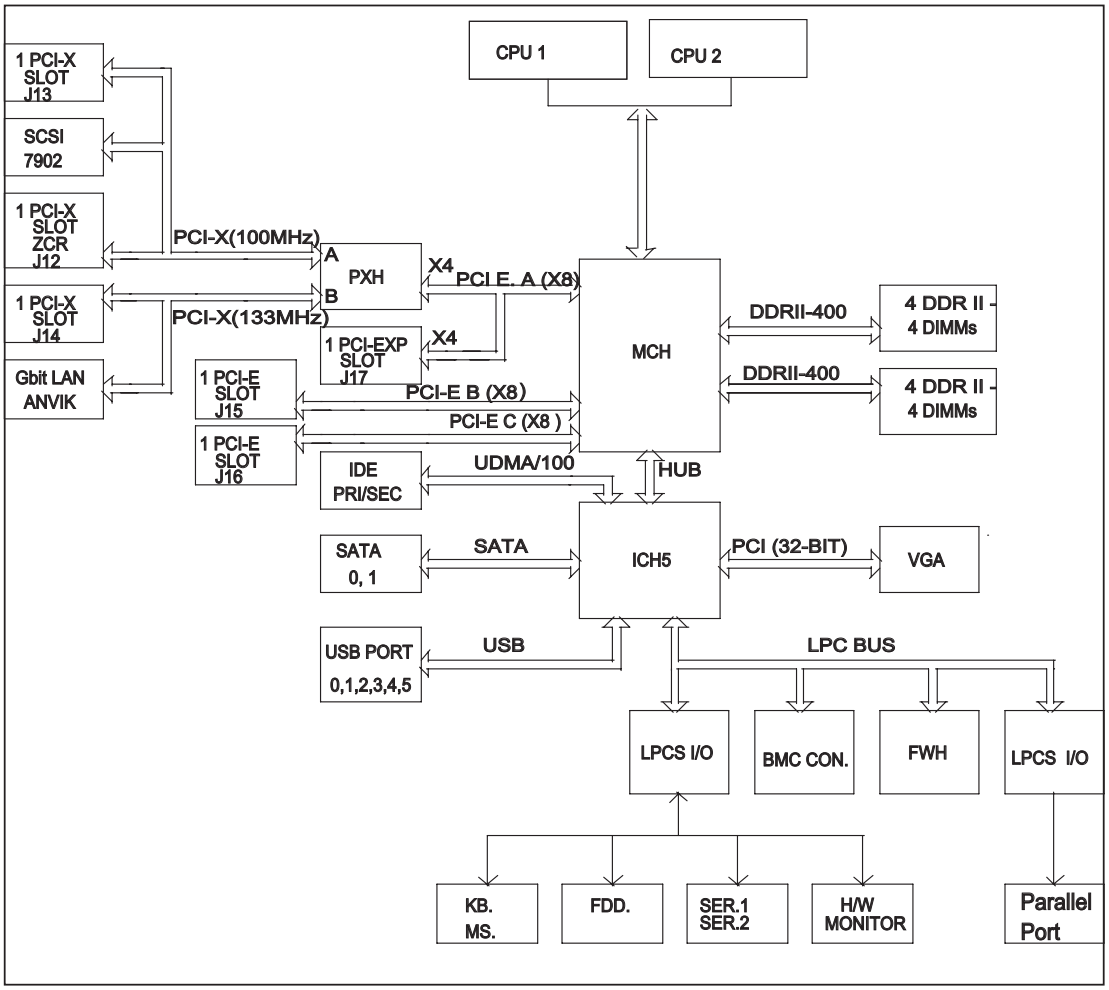


Figure 1-3. Block Diagram of the E7520 Lindenhurst Chipset

Note: This is a general block diagram. Please see the previous Motherboard Features pages for details on the features of each motherboard.

1-2 Chipset Overview

Built upon the functionality and the capability of the E7520 Lindenhurst chipset, The X6DH8-G2+/X6DHE-G2+ motherboard provides the performance and feature set required for dual processor-based servers, with configuration options optimized for communications, presentation, storage, computation or database applications. The Intel E7520 Lindenhurst chipset consists of the following components: the Lindenhurst Memory Controller Hub (MCH), the 82801ER I/O Controller Hub 5-R (ICH5-R), and the Intel PCI-X Hub.

The E7520 Lindenhurst MCH supports single or dual Xeon processors with Front Side Bus speeds of up to 800 MHz. Its memory controller provides direct connection to two channels of registered DDRII- 400 with a marched system bus address and data bandwidths of up to 6.4GB/s. The Lindenhurst also supports the new PCI Express high speed serial I/O interface for superior I/O bandwidth. The MCH provides three configurable x8 PCI Express interfaces which may alternatively be configured as two independent x4 PCI Express interfaces. These interfaces support connection of the MCH to a variety of other bridges that are compliant with the PCI Express Interface Specification, Rev. 1.0a. The MCH interfaces with the 82801ER I/O Controller Hub 5-R (ICH5R) via a dedicated Hub Interface supporting a peak bandwidth of 266 MB/s using a x4 base clock of 66 MHz. The PXH provide connection between a PCI Express interface and two independent PCI bus interfaces that can be configured for standard PCI 2.2 protocol, as well as the enhanced high-frequency PCI-X protocol. The PXH can be configured to support for 32- or 64-bit PCI devices running at 33 MHz, 66 MHz, 100 MHz, and 133 MHz.

The ICH5R I/O Controller Hub provides legacy support similar to that of previous ICH-family devices, but with extensions in RAID 0,1 support, Serial ATA Technology, and an integrated ASF Controller. In addition, the ICH5R also provides various integrated functions, including a two-channel Ultra ATA/100 bus master IDE controller, USB 2.0 host controllers, an integrated 10/100 LAN controller, an LPC firmware hub (FWH) and Super IO interface, a System Management Interface, a power management interface, integrated IOxAPIC and 8259 interrupt controllers.

1-3 Special Features

Recovery from AC Power Loss

BIOS provides a setting for you to determine how the system will respond when AC power is lost and then restored to the system. You can choose for the system to remain powered off (in which case you must hit the power switch to turn it back on) or for it to automatically return to a power- on state. See the Power Lost Control setting in the Advanced BIOS Setup section (Peripheral Device Configuration) to change this setting. The default setting is Last State.

1-4 PC Health Monitoring

This section describes the PC health monitoring features of the X6DH8-G2+/ X6DHE-G2+. All have an onboard System Hardware Monitor chip that supports PC health monitoring.

Onboard Voltage Monitors for the CPU Cores, +3.3V, +5V, +12V, -12V and +3.3V Standby

An onboard voltage monitor will scan these voltages continuously. Once a voltage becomes unstable, a warning is given or an error message is sent to the screen. Users can adjust the voltage thresholds to define the sensitivity of the voltage monitor.

Fan Status Monitor via BIOS and SDIII

The PC health monitor can check the RPM status of the cooling fans. The onboard CPU and chassis fans are controlled by Thermal Management via BIOS and Supero Doctor III.

Environmental Temperature Control

The thermal control sensor monitors the CPU temperature in real time and will turn on the thermal control fan whenever the CPU temperature exceeds a user-defined threshold. The overheat circuitry runs independently from the CPU. It can continue to monitor for overheat conditions even when the CPU is in sleep mode. Once it detects that the CPU temperature is too high, it will automatically turn on the thermal control fan to prevent any overheat damage to the CPU. The onboard chassis thermal circuitry can monitor the overall system temperature and alert users when the chassis temperature is too high.

CPU Fan Auto-Off in Sleep Mode

The CPU fan activates when the power is turned on. It continues to operate when the system enters Standby mode. When in sleep mode, the CPU will not run at full power, thereby generating less heat.

CPU Overheat LED and Fan Fail Control

This feature is available when the user enables the CPU overheat/Fan Fail warning function in the BIOS. This allows the user to define an overheat temperature. When this temperature is exceeded, both the overheat fan and the warning LED are triggered.

System Resource Alert

This feature is available when used with Supero Doctor III in the Windows OS environment or used with Supero Doctor II in Linux. Supero Doctor is used to notify the user of certain system events. For example, if the system is running low on virtual memory and there is insufficient hard drive space for saving the data, you can be alerted of the potential problem. You can also configure Supero Doctor to provide you with warnings when the system temperature goes beyond a pre-defined range.

1-5 ACPI Features

ACPI stands for Advanced Configuration and Power Interface. The ACPI specification defines a flexible and abstract hardware interface that provides a standard way to integrate power management features throughout a PC system, including its hardware, operating system and application software. This enables the system to automatically turn on and off peripherals such as CD-ROMs, network cards, hard disk drives and printers. This also includes consumer devices connected to the PC such as VCRs, TVs, telephones and stereos.

In addition to enabling operating system-directed power management, ACPI provides a generic system event mechanism for Plug and Play and an operating system-independent interface for configuration control. ACPI leverages the Plug and Play BIOS data structures while providing a processor architecture-independent implementation that is compatible with Windows 2000, Windows XP and Windows Server 2003.

Slow Blinking LED for Suspend-State Indicator

When the CPU goes into a suspend state, the chassis power LED will start blinking to indicate that the CPU is in suspend mode. When the user presses any key, the CPU will wake-up and the LED will automatically stop blinking and remain on.

Main Switch Override Mechanism

When an ATX power supply is used, the power button can function as a system suspend button to make the system enter a SoftOff state. The monitor will be suspended and the hard drive will spin down. Pressing the power button again will cause the whole system to wake-up. During the SoftOff state, the ATX power supply provides power to keep the required circuitry in the system alive. In case the system malfunctions and you want to turn off the power, just press and hold

the power button for 4 seconds. This option can be set in the Power section of the BIOS Setup routine.

External Modem Ring-On

Wake-up events can be triggered by a device such as the external modem ringing when the system is in the SoftOff state. Note that external modem ring-on can only be used with an ATX 2.01 (or above) compliant power supply.

Wake-On-LAN (WOL)

Wake-On-LAN is defined as the ability of a management application to remotely power up a computer that is powered off. Remote PC setup, up-dates and asset tracking can occur after hours and on weekends so that daily LAN traffic is kept to a minimum and users are not interrupted. The motherboard has a 3-pin header (WOL) to connect to the 3-pin header on a Network Interface Card (NIC) that has WOL capability. In addition, an onboard LAN controller can also support WOL without any connection to the WOL header. The 3-pin WOL header is to be used with a LAN add-on card only.

Note: Wake-On-LAN requires an ATX 2.01 (or above) compliant power supply.

1-6 Power Supply

As with all computer products, a stable power source is necessary for proper and reliable operation. It is even more important for processors that have high CPU clock rates.

The SUPER X6DH8-G2+/X6DHE-G2+ accommodates ATX 24-pin power supplies. Although most power supplies generally meet the specifications required by the CPU, some are inadequate. You should use one that will supply at least 400W of power. Your power supply must supply 1.5A for the Ethernet ports. The +12V, 4-pin power connector (J32) is required to provide adequate power supply to the system. Additionally, you should also use the onboard 12V 8-pin power connector (J1D1) to support Intel Xeon CPUs. Failure to provide this extra power will result in CPU instability. See Section 2-5 for details on connecting the power supply.

It is strongly recommended that you use a high quality power supply that meets ATX power supply Specification 2.02 or above. It must also be SSI compliant (info at http://www.ssiforum.org/). Additionally, in areas where noisy power transmission is present, you may choose to install a line filter to shield the computer from noise. It is recommended that you also install a power surge protector to help avoid problems caused by power surges.

1-7 Super I/O

The disk drive adapter functions of the Super I/O chip include a floppy disk drive controller that is compatible with industry standard 82077/765, a data separator, write pre-compensation circuitry, decode logic, data rate selection, a clock generator, drive interface control logic and interrupt and DMA logic. The wide range of functions integrated onto the Super I/O greatly reduces the number of components required for interfacing with floppy disk drives. The Super I/O supports 360 K, 720 K, 1.2 M, 1.44 M or 2.88 M disk drives and data transfer rates of 250 Kb/s, 500 Kb/s or 1 Mb/s.It also provides two high-speed, 16550 compatible serial communication ports (UARTs). Each UART includes a 16-byte send/receive FIFO, a programmable baud rate generator, complete modem control capability and a processor interrupt system. Both UARTs provide legacy speed with baud rate of up to 115.2 Kbps as well as an advanced speed with baud rates of 250 K, 500 K, or 1 Mb/s, which support higher speed modems.

The Super I/O supports one PC-compatible printer port (SPP), Bi-directional Printer Port (BPP) , Enhanced Parallel Port (EPP) or Extended Capabilities Port (ECP).

The Super I/O provides functions that comply with ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface), which includes support of legacy and ACPI power management through an SMI or SCI function pin. It also features auto power management to reduce power consumption.

Notes

Chapter 2
Installation

2-1 Static-Sensitive Devices

Electrostatic-Discharge (ESD) can damage electronic components. To prevent damage to your system board, it is important to handle it very carefully. The following measures are generally sufficient to protect your equipment from ESD.

Precautions

- Use a grounded wrist strap designed to prevent static discharge.
- Touch a grounded metal object before removing the board from the antistatic bag.
- Handle the board by its edges only; do not touch its components, peripheral chips, memory modules or gold contacts.
- When handling chips or modules, avoid touching their pins.
- Put the motherboard and peripherals back into their antistatic bags when not in use.
- For grounding purposes, make sure your computer chassis provides excellent conductivity between the power supply, the case, the mounting fasteners and the motherboard.
- Use only the correct type of onboard CMOS battery. Do not install the onboard upside down battery to avoid possible explosion.

Unpacking

The motherboard is shipped in antistatic packaging to avoid static damage. When unpacking the board, make sure the person handling it is static protected.

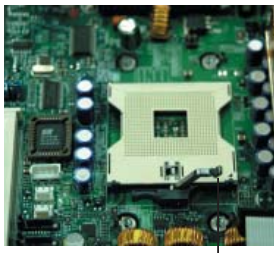
2-2 Processor and Heatsink Installation

When handling the processor package, avoid placing direct pressure on the label area of the fan. Also, do not place the motherboard on a conductive surface, which can damage the BIOS battery and prevent the system from booting up.

IMPORTANT: Always connect the power cord last and always remove it before adding, removing or changing any hardware components. Make sure that you install the processor into the CPU socket **before** you install the CPU (CEK) heat sink. To adequately support the weight of CPU heat sinks, please install the X6DH8-G2+/ in a chassis that is compliant with the SSI EEB 3.5 Specification.

CPU Installation

1. Lift the lever on the CPU socket: lift the lever completely as shown on the picture on the right; otherwise, you will damage the CPU socket when power is applied. (Install CPU1 first.)

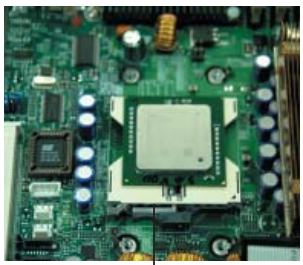


Socket lever

2. Insert the CPU in the socket, making sure that pin 1 of the CPU aligns with pin 1 of the socket (both corners are marked with a triangle). When using only one CPU, install it into CPU socket #1 (socket #2 is automatically disabled if only one CPU is used).

Pin1

3. Press the lever down until you hear the click so you can be sure that the CPU is securely installed in the CPU socket.



Socket lever in the locking Position

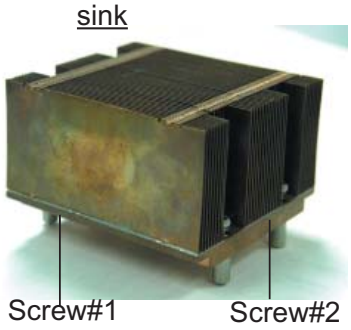
CEK Heatsink Installation

IMPORTANT: Due to the weight of the CEK Passive Heatsink (which weights about 1KG), you need to have Heatsink Mounting plate installed on the chassis to prevent damage to the CPU and the motherboard)

1. Do not apply any thermal compound to the heatsink or the CPU die-the required amount has already been applied.

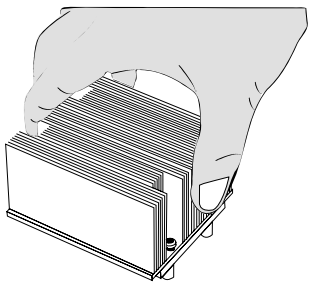
2. Place the heatsink on top of the CPU so that the four mounting holes are aligned with those on the retention mechanism.

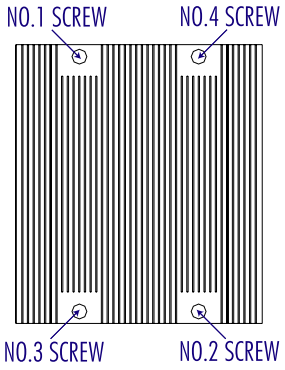
CEK Passive Heat-sink



3. Screw in two diagonal screws (ie the #1 and the #2 screws) until just snug (-do not fully tighten the screws to avoid possible damage to the CPU.)

4. Finish the installation by fully tightening all four screws.

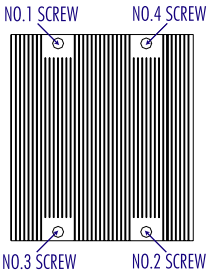




To Un-install the Heatsink

(Caution! We do not recommend that the CPU or the heatsink be removed. However, if you do need to un-install the heatsink, please follow the instructions below to uninstall the heatsink to prevent damage done to the CPU or the CPU socket.)

1. Unscrew and remove the heatsink screws from the motherboard in the sequence as show in the picture on the right.



2. Hold the heatsink as shown in the picture on the right and gently wriggle the heatsink to loosen it from the CPU. (Do not use excessive force when wriggling the heatsink!!)

3. Once the CPU is loosened, remove the heatsink from the CPU socket.

4. Clean the surface of the CPU and the heatsink to get rid of the old thermal grease. Reapply the proper amount of thermal grease on the surface before you re-install the CPU and the heatsink.

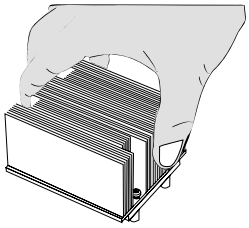
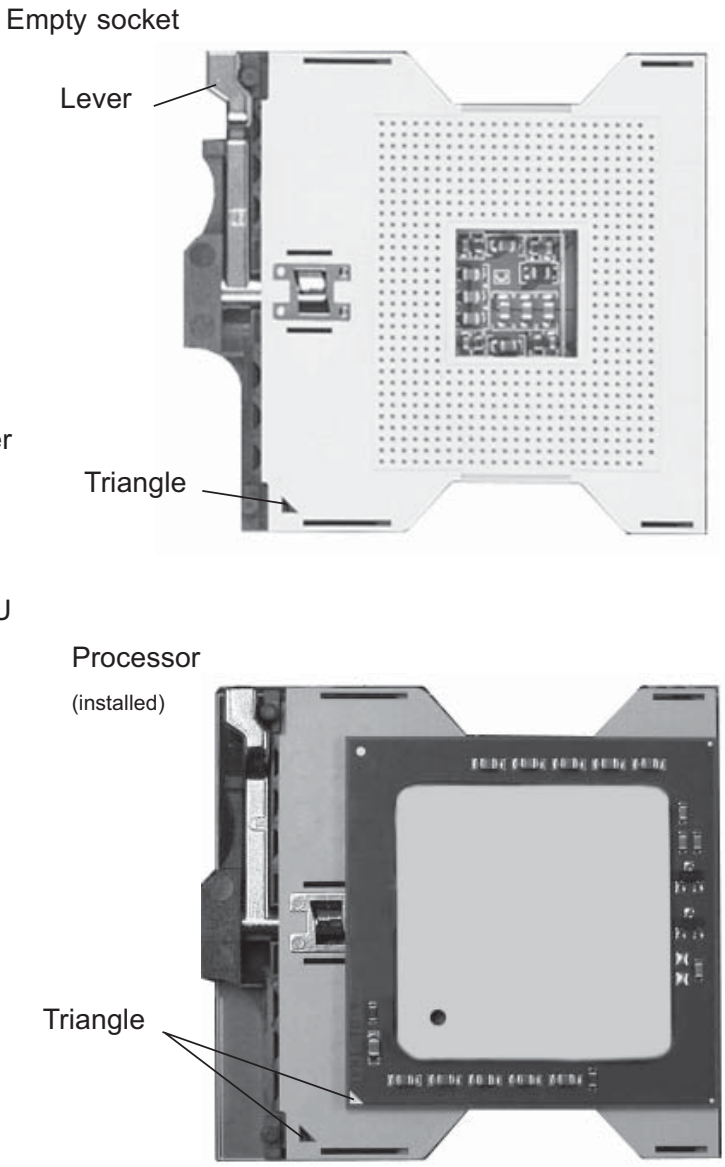


Figure 2-1. PGA604 Socket: Empty and with Processor Installed



Warning! Make sure you lift the lever completely when installing the CPU; otherwise, damage to the socket or CPU may occur.

Mounting the Motherboard in the Chassis

All motherboards have standard mounting holes to fit different types of chassis. Make sure that the locations of all the mounting holes for both the motherboard and the chassis match. Make sure that the metal standoffs click in or are screwed in tightly. Then use a screwdriver to secure the motherboard onto the motherboard tray. Please note that some components are very close to the mounting holes. Take caution when installing or removing these components to prevent damage done to the components.

2-3 Installing DIMMs

Warning! Exercise extreme care when installing or removing DIMM modules to prevent any possible damage. Please note that the memory interleaved to improve performance.

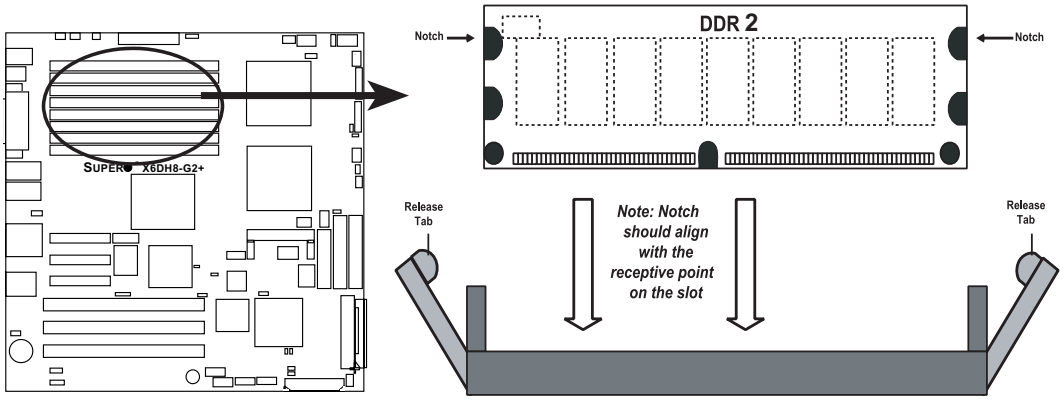
DIMM Installation (See Figure 2-2)

1. Insert the desired number of DIMMs into the memory slots, starting with Bank 1. The memory scheme is interleaved, so you must install two modules at a time, beginning with Bank 1, then Bank 2, and so on.
2. Insert each DIMM module vertically into its slot. Pay attention to the notch along the bottom of the module to prevent inserting the DIMM module incorrectly.
3. Gently press down on the DIMM module until it snaps into place in the slot. Repeat for all modules (see step 1 above).

Memory Support

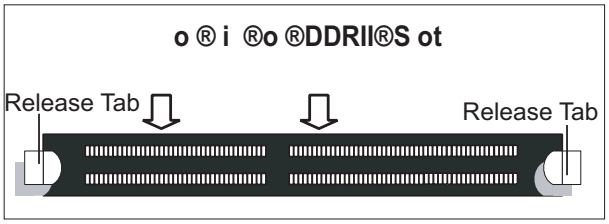
The X6DH8-G2+/X6DHE-G2+ supports up to 16 GB of Registered ECC DDR2-400 (PC3200) memory.

Figure 2-2. Installing and Removing DIMMs



To Install: Insert module vertically and press down until it snaps into place. Pay attention to the notch at the bottom.

To Remove:
Use your thumbs to gently push near the edge of both ends of the module. This should release it from the slot.

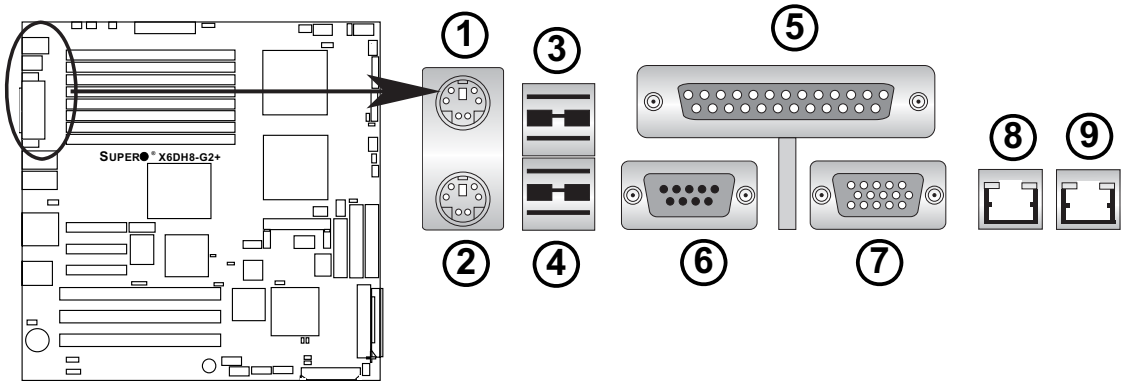


2-4 Control Panel Connectors/IO Ports

The I/O ports are color coded in conformance with the PC 99 specification. See Figure 2-3 below for the colors and locations of the Back Panel I/O Connectors.

A. Back Panel Connectors/IO Ports

Figure 2-3. I/O Port Locations and Definitions



Back Panel Connectors

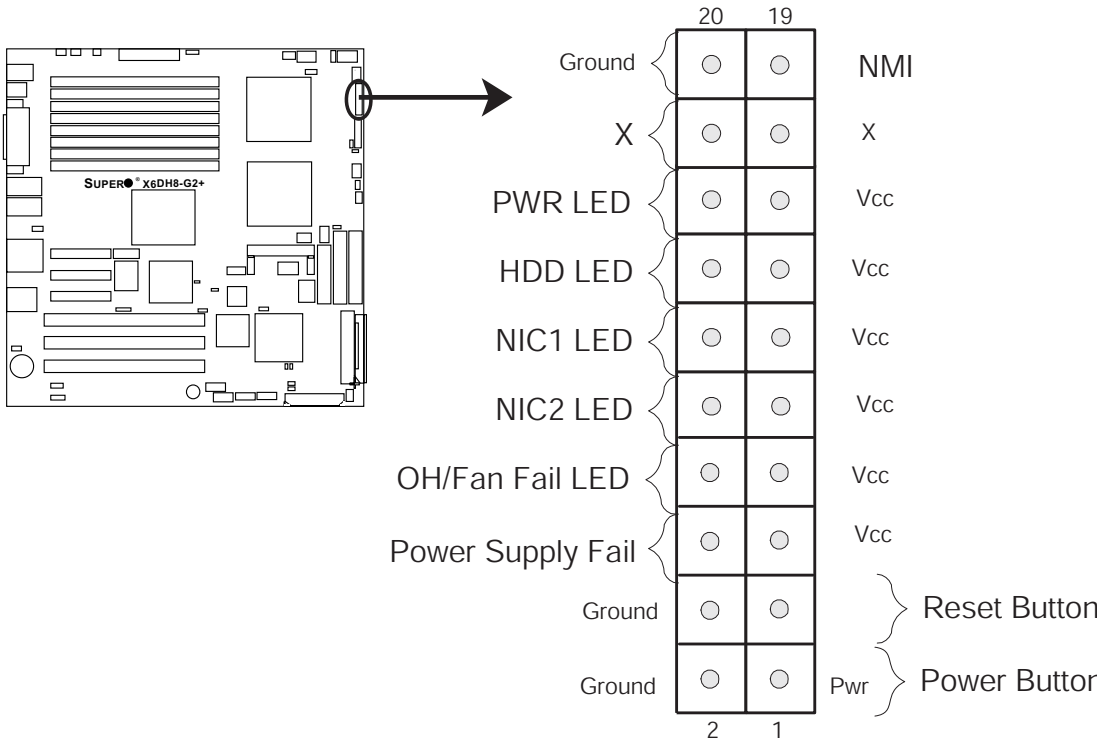
1. PS/2 Mouse (Green)
2. Keyboard (Purple)
3. Back Panel USB Port 0
4. Back Panel USB Port 1
5. Parallel Port (Printer)
6. COM Port 1 (Turquoise)
7. Video Port (Blue)
8. Gigabit LAN 1
9. Gigabit LAN 2

(See Section 2-5 for details.)

B. Front Control Panel

JF1 contains header pins for various buttons and indicators that are normally located on a control panel at the front of the chassis. These connectors are designed specifically for use with Supermicro server chassis. See Figure 2-4 for the descriptions of the various control panel buttons and LED indicators. Refer to the following section for descriptions and pin definitions.

Figure 2-4. JF1 Header Pins



C. Front Control Panel Pin Definitions

NMI Button

The non-maskable interrupt button header is located on pins 19 and 20 of JF1. Refer to the table on the right for pin definitions.

NMI Button Pin Definitions (JF1)	
Pin#	Definition
19	Control
20	Ground

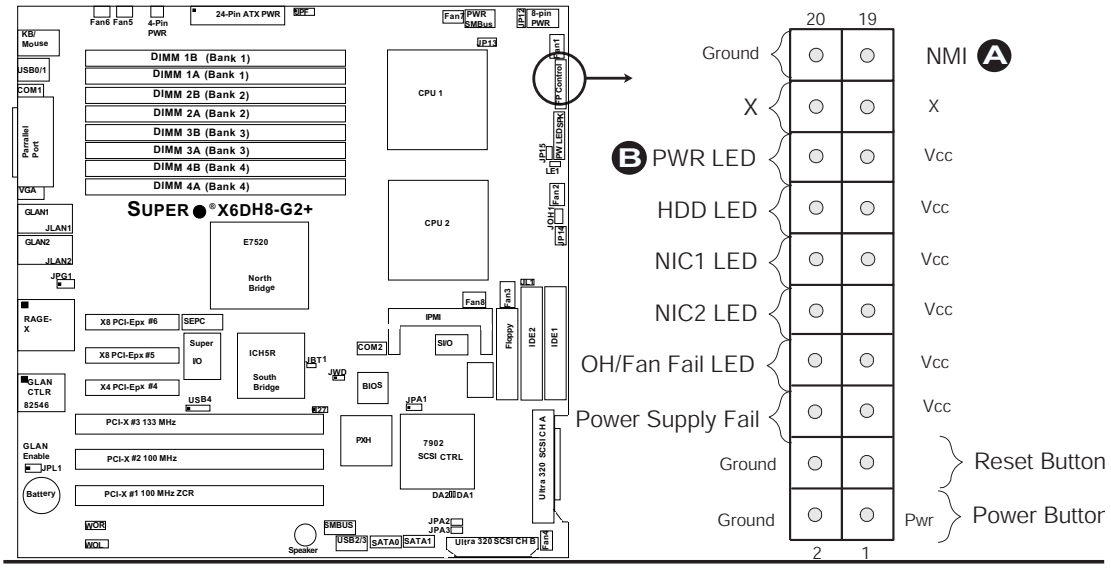
Power LED

The Power LED connection is located on pins 15 and 16 of JF1. Refer to the table on the right for pin definitions.

Power LED Pin Definitions (JF1)	
Pin#	Definition
15	Vcc
16	Control

A. NMI LED

B. PWR LED



HDD LED

The HDD LED connection is located on pins 13 and 14 of JF1. Attach the hard drive LED cable here to display disk activity (for any hard drives on the system, including SCSI, Serial ATA and IDE). See the table on the right for pin definitions.

HDD LED Pin Definitions (JF1)	
Pin#	Definition
13	Vcc
14	HD Active

NIC1/NIC2 LED Indicators

The NIC (Network Interface Controller) LED connections for GLAN port1 and port2 are located on pins 9,10 and 11, 12 of JF1. Attach the NIC LED cables to display network activity. Refer to the tables on the right for pin definitions.

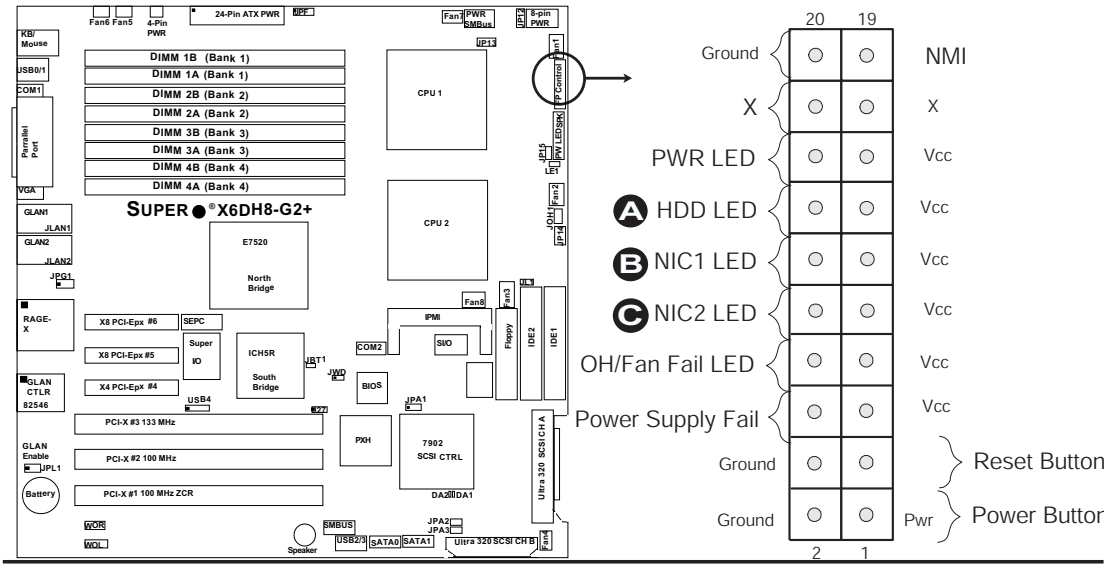
NIC1 LED Pin Definitions (JF1)	
Pin#	Definition
11	Vcc
12	Ground

NIC2 LED Pin Definitions (JF1)	
Pin#	Definition
9	Vcc
10	Ground

A. HDD LED

B. NIC1 LED

C. NIC2 LED



Overheat/Fan Fail LED (OH)

Connect an LED to the OH/Fan Fail connection on pins 7 and 8 of JF1 to provide warnings when a system overheat or a fan failure occurs. Refer to the table on the right for pin definitions.

OH/Fan Fail LED Pin Definitions (JF1)	
Pin#	Definition
7	Vcc
8	HD Active

OH/Fan Fail Indicator Status	
State	Definition
Off	Normal
On	Overheat
Flashing	Fan Fail

Power Fail LED

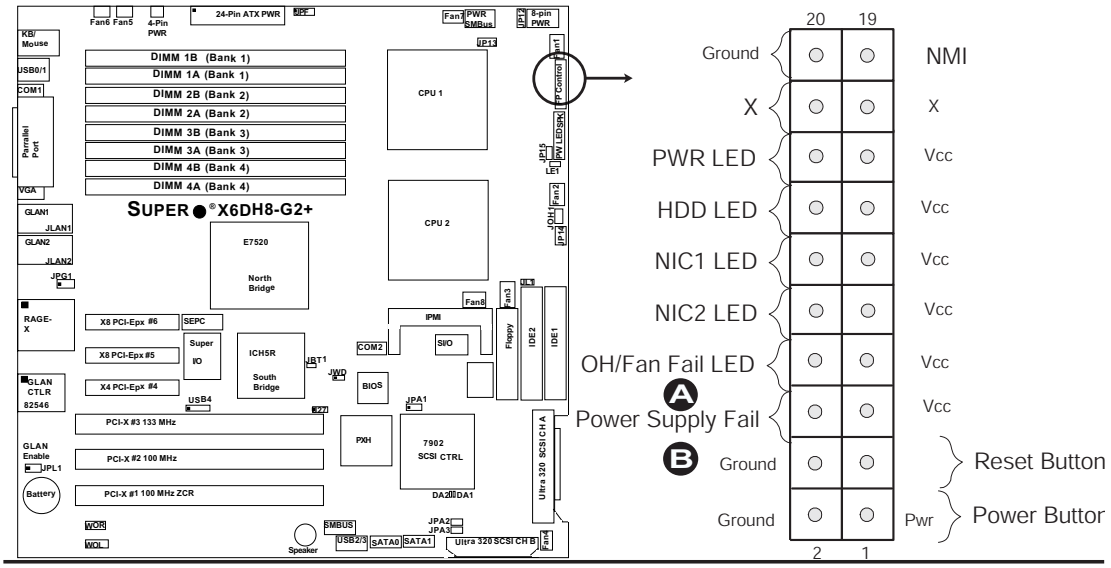
The Power Fail LED connection is located on pins 5 and 6 of JF1. Refer to the table on the right for pin definitions.

PWR Fail LED Pin Definitions (JF1)	
Pin#	Definition
5	PWR Fail LED-
6	PWR Fail LED+

PWR Fail Indicator Status	
State	Definition
Red	PWR Failure

A. OH/Fan Fail LED

B. PWR Supply Fail



Reset Button

The Reset Button connection is located on pins 3 and 4 of JF1. Attach it to the hardware reset switch on the computer case. Refer to the table on the right for pin definitions.

Reset Button Pin Definitions (JF1)	
Pin#	Definition
3	Reset
4	Ground

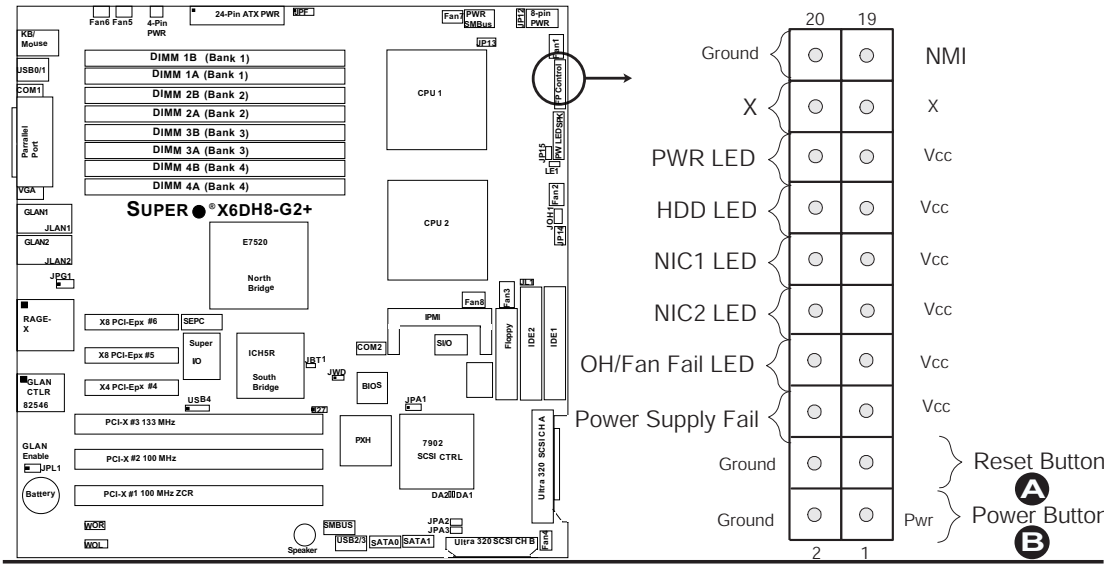
Power Button

The Power Button connection is located on pins 1 and 2 of JF1. Momentarily contacting both pins will power on/off the system.

Power Button Pin Definitions (JF1)	
Pin#	Definition
1	PW_ON
2	Ground

A. Reset Button

B. PWR Button



2-5 Connectors/IO Ports/Headers

ATX Power Connector

The main power supply connector on the X6DH8-G2+/X6DHE-G2+ meets the SSI (Superset ATX) 24-pin specification. You must also connect the 4-pin (J32) power connector to your power supply. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

ATX Power 24-pin Connector Pin Definitions

Pin#	Definition	Pin #	Definition
13	+3.3V	1	+3.3V
14	-12V	2	+3.3V
15	COM	3	COM
16	PS_ON	4	+5V
17	COM	5	COM
18	COM	6	+5V
19	COM	7	COM
20	Res (NC)	8	PWR_OK
21	+5V	9	5VSB
22	+5V	10	+12V
23	+5V	11	+12V
24	COM	12	+3.3V

Processor Power Connector

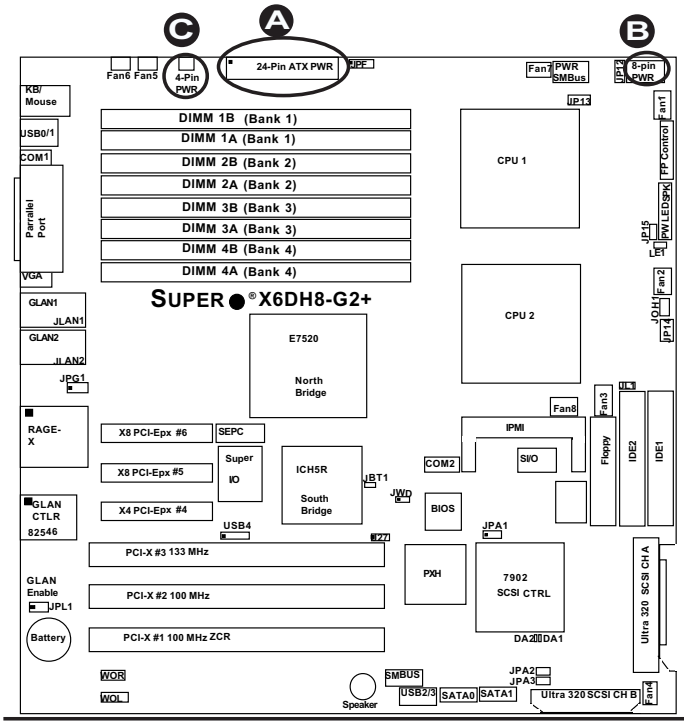
In addition to the Primary ATX power connector (above), the 12v 8-pin Processor connector at J1D1 must also be connected to your power supply.

4-Pin 12V Connector Pin Definitions

Pins	Definition
1 & 2	Ground
3 & 4	+12V

8-Pin 12V Connector Pin Definitions (JPW3)

Pins	Definition
1 through 4	Ground
5 through 8	+12V



A. 24-pin ATX PWR

B. 8-pin Processor PWR

C. 4-pin PWR

Chassis Intrusion

A Chassis Intrusion header is located at JL1. Attach the appropriate cable to inform you of a chassis intrusion.

Chassis Intrusion Pin Definitions (JL1)

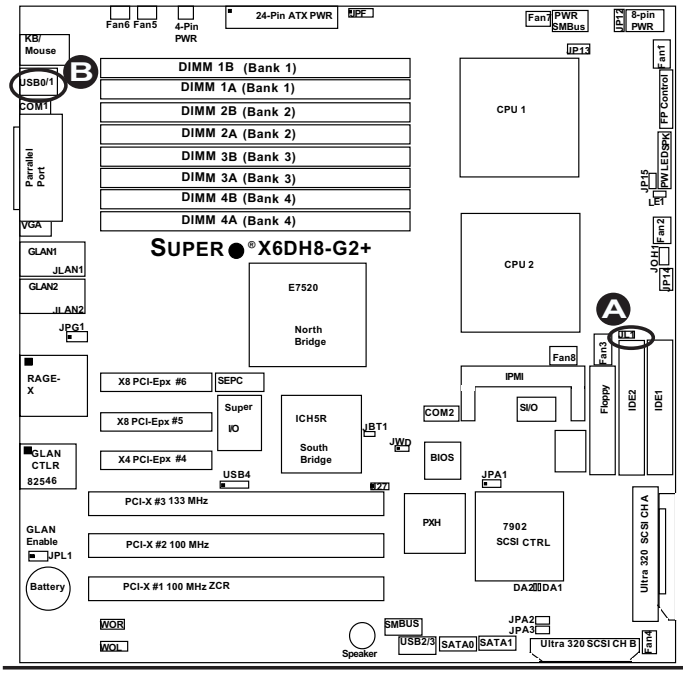
Pin#	Definition
1	Intrusion Input
2	Ground

Universal Serial Bus (USB0/1)

Two USB 2.0 ports (JPUSB1) are located beside the PS/2 keyboard/ mouse ports. USB0 is the bottom connector and USB1 is the top connector. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

Universal Serial Bus Pin Definitions (USB0/1)

USB0		USB1	
Pin #	Definition	Pin #	Definition
1	+5V	1	+5V
2	PO-	2	PO-
3	PO+	3	PO+
4	Ground	4	Ground
5	N/A	5	Key



A. Chassis Intrusion

B. USB 0/1

Serial Ports

The COM1 (J6) and COM2 (J7) serial ports are located under the parallel port (COM1) and next to IPMI (COM2). See the table on the right for pin definitions.

Serial Port Pin Definitions

Pin #	Definition	Pin #	Definition
1	CD	6	DSR
2	RD	7	RTS
3	TD	8	CTS
4	DTR	9	RI
5	Ground	10	NC

Note: Pin 10 is included on the header (COM2) but not on the port (COM1). NC indicates no connection.

Front Panel Universal Serial Bus Headers

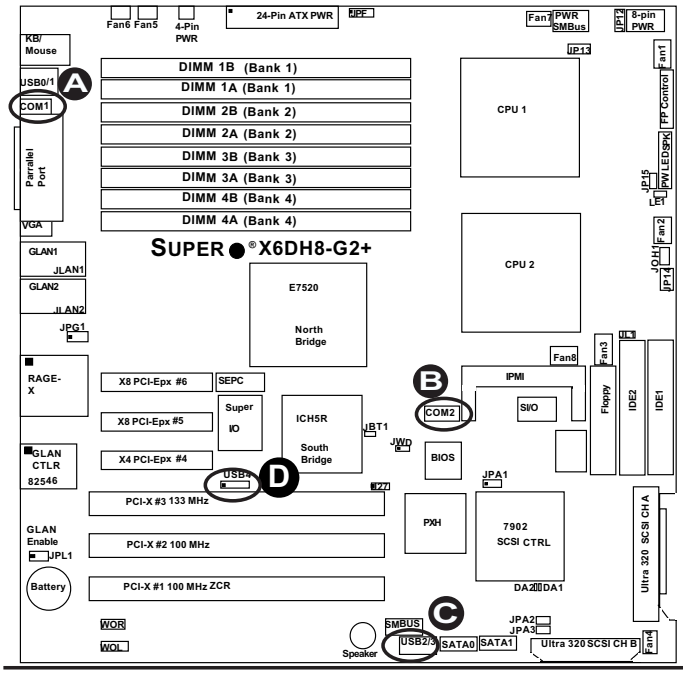
Extra USB headers (FPUSB2/ FPUSB3/FPUSB4) can be used for front side USB access. You will need a USB cable to use either connection. Refer to the tables on the right for pin definitions.

Front Panel Universal Serial Bus Pin Definitions (USB2/3)

USB2		USB3	
Pin #	Definition	Pin #	Definition
1	+5V	1	+5V
2	PO-	2	PO-
3	PO+	3	PO+
4	Ground	4	Ground
5	Key	5	No connection

Front Panel USB (USB4)

Pin#	Definition
1	Vcc
2	Data-
3	Data+
4	Ground
5	NA



A. COM 1

B. COM 2

C. FP USB 2/3

D. FP USB 4

Fan Headers

The X6DH8-G2+/X6DHE-G2+ has eight fan headers (Fan1 to Fan8). Fan 7 is designated CPU Fan1 and Fan8, CPU Fan 2. Pins 1-3 of these fan headers are backward compatible with the traditional 3-pin fans. See the table on the right for pin definitions. (The onboard fan speed is controlled by Thermal Management via BIOS. To activate Fan Speed Control, please refer to "Hardware Monitoring" in the Advanced Setting.)

4-pin Fan Header Pin Definitions

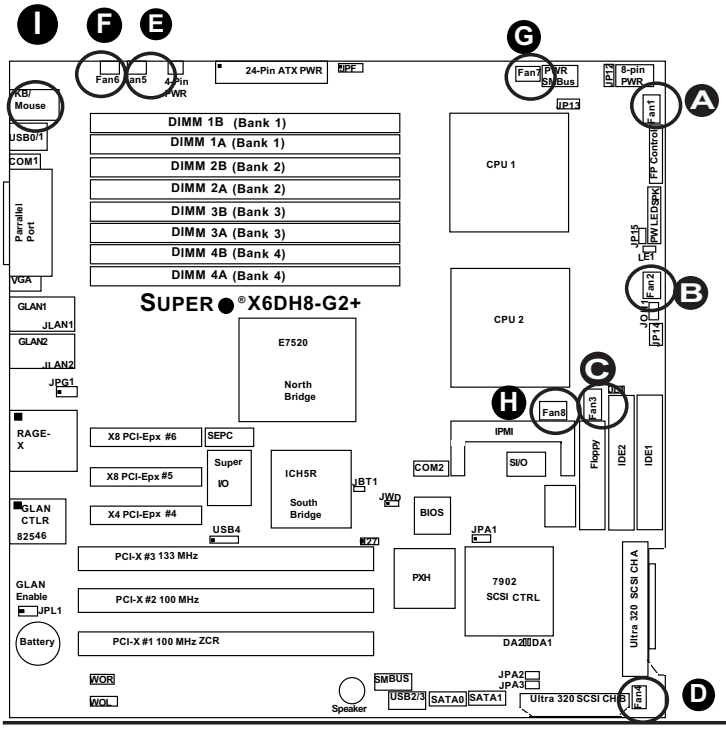
Pin#	Definition
1	Ground (black)
2	+12V (red)
3	Tachometer
4	PWR_Control

ATX PS/2 Keyboard and PS/2 Mouse Ports

The ATX PS/2 keyboard and PS/2 mouse are located at J9. See the table at right for pin definitions. (See Figure 2-3 for the locations of each.)

PS/2 Keyboard and Mouse Port Pin Definitions

Pin#	Definition
1	Data
2	NC
3	Ground
4	VCC
5	Clock
6	NC



A. Fan 1
B. Fan 2
C. Fan 3
D. Fan 4
E. Fan 5
F. Fan 6
G. Fan 7 (CPU Fan 1)
H. Fan 8 (CPU Fan 2)
I. Keyboard/Mouse

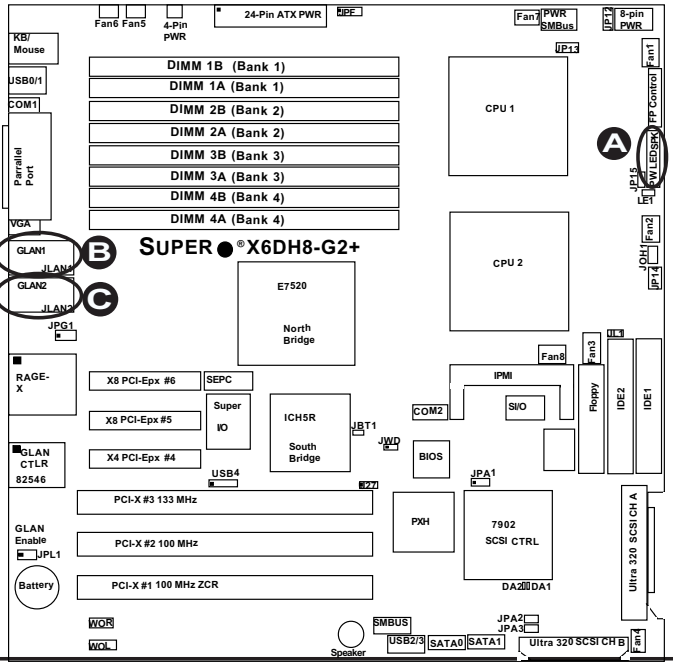
Power LED/Speaker

On the JDI header, pins 1-3 are for a power LED and pins 4-7 are for the speaker. See the table on the right for speaker pin definitions. Note: The speaker connector pins are for use with an external speaker. If you wish to use the onboard speaker, you should close pins 6-7 with a jumper.

Speaker Connector	
Pin Setting	Definition
Pins 6-7	Internal Speaker
Pins 4-7	External Speaker

GLAN (Giga-bit Ethernet Ports)

Two G-bit Ethernet ports are located beside the VGA port on the IO back-plane. This port accepts RJ45 type cables.



A. PWR LED/Speaker

B. GLAN 1

C. GLAN 2

Wake-On-Ring

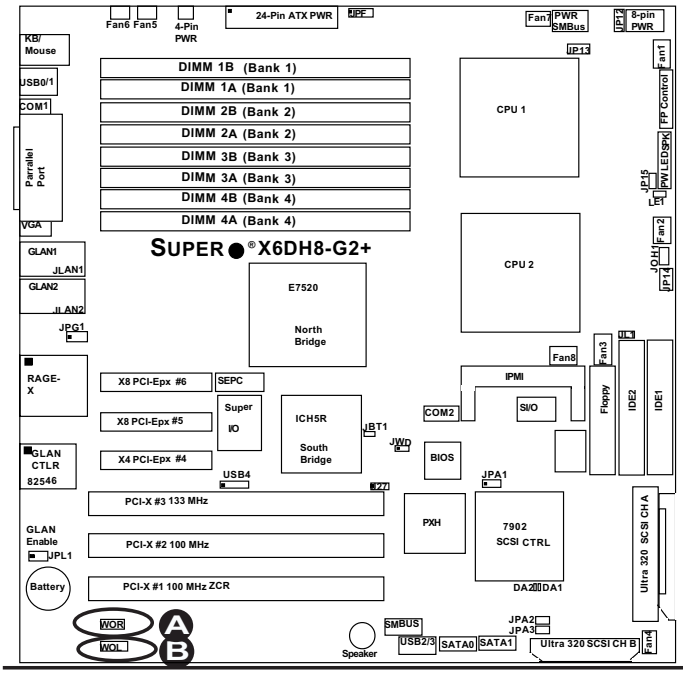
The Wake-On-Ring header is designated JWOR. This function allows your computer to wake up when receiving an incoming call to the modem in suspend state. See the table on the right for pin definitions. You must have a Wake-On-Ring card and cable to use this feature.

Wake-On-Ring Pin Definitions (JWOR)	
Pin#	Definition
1	Ground (Black)
2	Wake-up

Wake-On-LAN

The Wake-On-LAN header is designated JWOL. See the table on the right for pin definitions. You must enable the LAN Wake-Up setting in BIOS to use this feature. You must also have a LAN card with a Wake-on-LAN connector and cable.

Wake-On-LAN Pin Definitions (JWOL)	
Pin#	Definition
1	+5V Standby
2	Ground
3	Wake-up



A. Wake-On-Ring
B. Wake-On-LAN

SMB

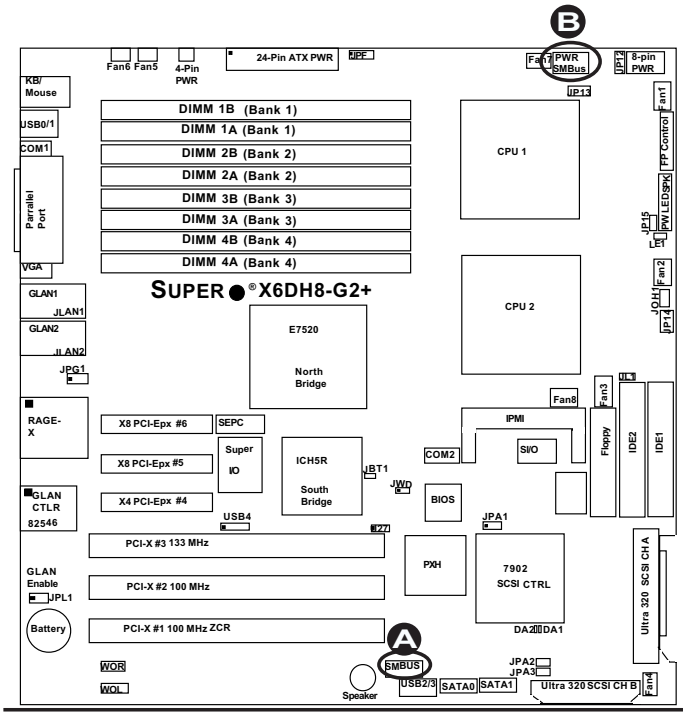
A System Management Bus header is located at J22. Connect the appropriate cable here to utilize SMB on your system.

SMB Header Pin Definitions	
Pin#	Definition
1	Data
2	Ground
3	Clock
4	No Connection

SMB Power (I^2C) Connector

I^2C Connector (J24), located between Fan7 Header and the PWR Fault header, monitors the status of PWR Supply, Fan and system temperature.

SMB PWR Header Pin Definitions	
Pin#	Definition
1	Clock
2	Data
3	PWR Fail
4	Ground
5	+3.3V



A. SMB

B. PWR SMB

Power Fault

Connect a cable from your power supply to the Power Fault header (JP12) to provide warning of power supply failure. This warning signal is passed through the PWR_LED pin to indicate an occurrence of power failure on the chassis. You need to use this header (JP12) with the Alarm Reset header (JP14) together for it to work properly. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

PWR Fault Pin Definitions	
Pin#	Definition
1	Pin 1 Fail Signal
2	Pin 2 Fail Signal
3	Pin 3 Fail Signal
4	Alarm Reset

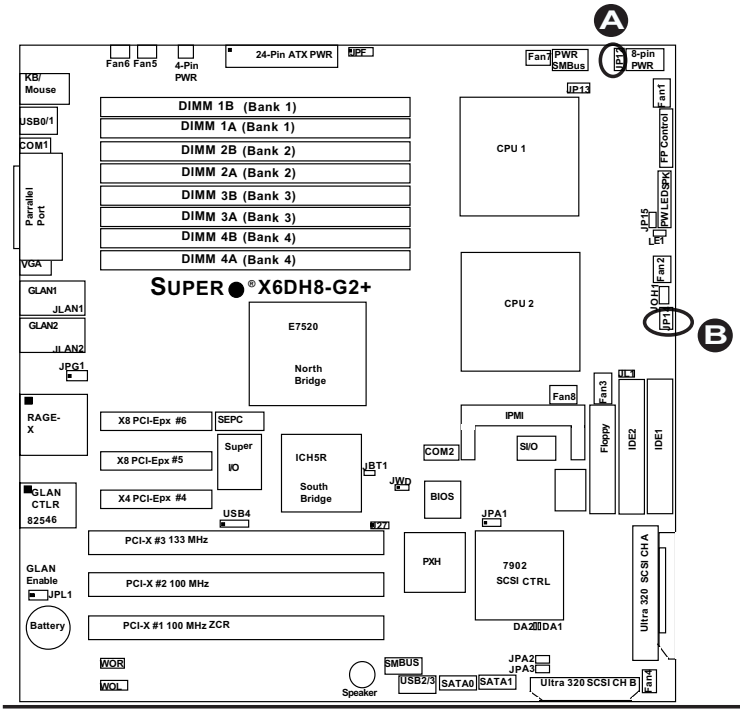
Note: This feature is only available when using Supermicro's triple redundant power supplies.

Alarm Reset (JP14)

The system will notify you in the event of a power supply failure. Use this feature to clear alarm when Supermicro's redundant power supply units are installed in the chassis. If you only have a single power supply installed, you should leave the pins open (the default setting) to prevent false alarms. See the table on the right for jumper settings.

Alarm Reset Pin Definitions	
Jumper Position	Definition
Open	Normal (Default)
Short	Clear Alarm

Note: This feature is only available when using Supermicro's triple redundant power supplies.



A. PWR Fault

B. Alarm Reset

Overheat LED (JOH1)

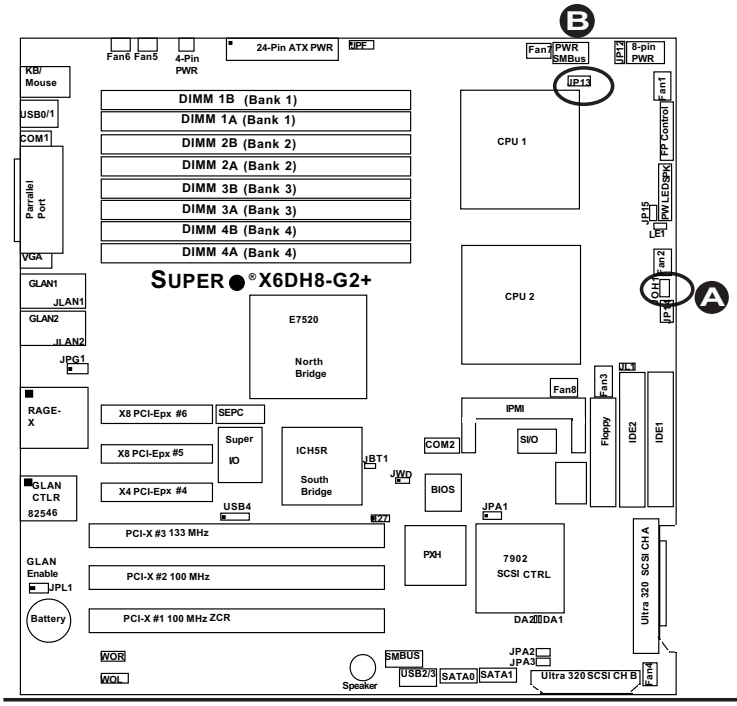
The JOH1 header is used to connect an LED to provide warning of chassis overheating. It is located beside Fan 2.

Overheat LED Pin Definitions	
Jumper Position	Definition
1	5vDC
2	OH Active

3rd PWR Supply PWR Fault Detect (JP13)

The system can notify you in the event of a power supply failure. This feature is available when three power supply units are installed in the chassis, with one acting as a backup. If you only have one or two power supply units installed, you should disable this connection (the default setting) to prevent false alarms.

3rd PWR Supply PWR Fault Pin Definitions	
Jumper Position	Definition
Open	Disabled
Closed	Enabled



A. Overheat LED

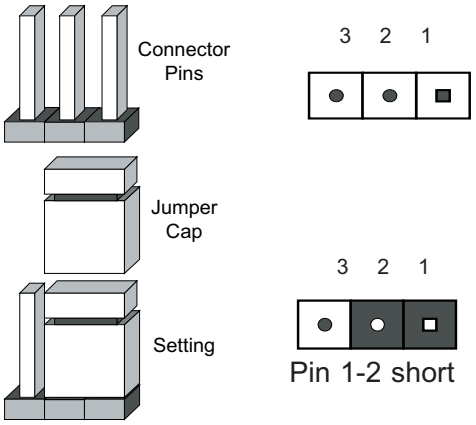
B. 3rd PWR Supply PWR Fault

2-6 Jumper Settings

Explanation of Jumpers

To modify the operation of the motherboard, jumpers can be used to choose between optional settings. Jumpers create shorts between two pins to change the function of the connector. Pin 1 is identified with a square solder pad on the printed circuit board. See the motherboard layout pages for jumper locations.

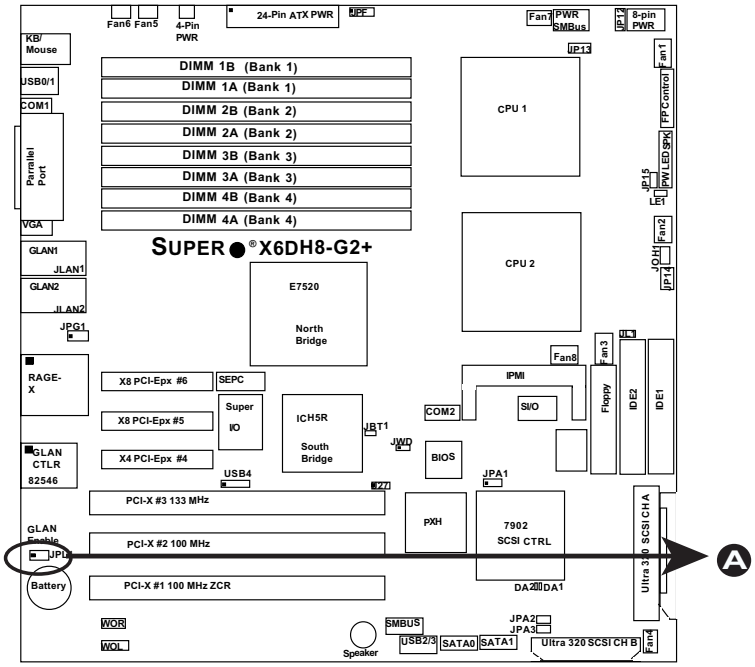
Note: On two pin jumpers, "Closed" means the jumper is on and "Open" means the jumper is off the pins.



GLAN Enable/Disable

JPL1 enables or disables the GLAN port(s) on the motherboard. See the table on the right for jumper settings. The default setting is enabled.

GLAN Enable Jumper Settings	
Jumper Setting	Definition
Pins 1-2	Enabled
Pins 2-3	Disabled



A. GLAN Enable

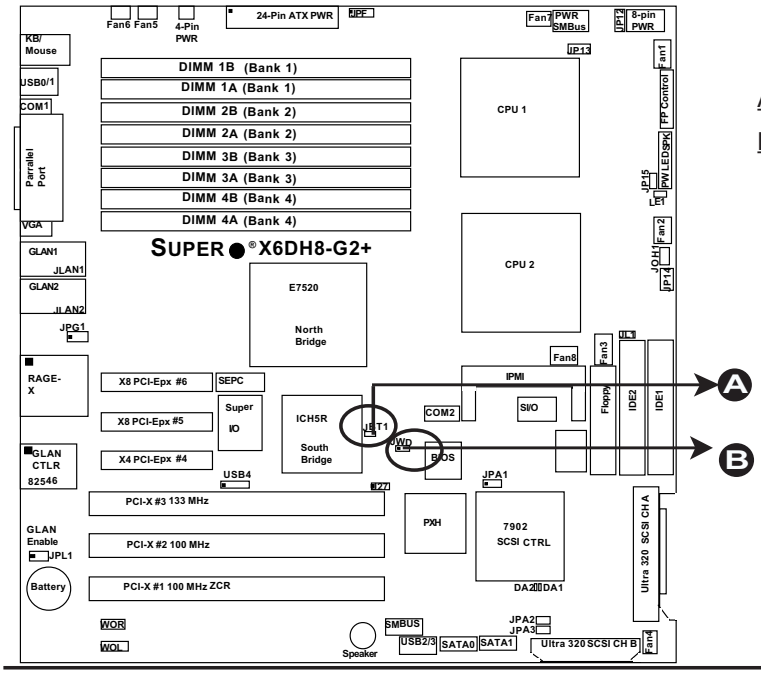
CMOS Clear

JBT1 is used to clear CMOS. Instead of pins, this "jumper" consists of contact pads to prevent the accidental clearing of CMOS. To clear CMOS, use a metal object such as a small screwdriver to touch both pads at the same time to short the connection. Always remove the AC power cord from the system before clearing CMOS. **Note:** For an ATX power supply, you must completely shut down the system, remove the AC power cord and then short JBT1 to clear CMOS. ***Do not use the PW_ON connector to clear CMOS.***

Watch Dog

JWD controls Watch Dog, a system monitor that takes action when a software application hangs. Close pins 1-2 to reset the system if a program freezes. Close pins 2-3 to generate a non-maskable interrupt for the program that hangs. (This requires software implementation). Watch Dog must also be enabled in the BIOS.

Watch Dog Jumper Settings (JWD)	
Jumper Setting	Definition
Pins 1-2	Reset
Pins 2-3	NMI
Open	Disabled



A. CMOS Clear

B. Watch Dog

SCSI Enable/Disable (For the X6DH8-G2+ only)

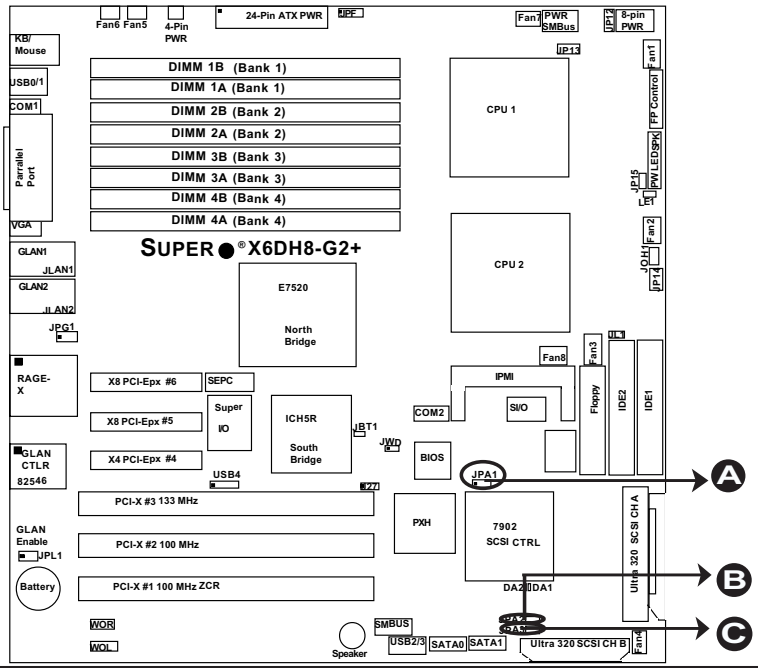
Jumper JPA1 allows you to enable or disable the SCSI headers. Jumper JPA1 is for SCSI Channel A and SCSI Channel B. The default setting is pins 1-2 to enable all four headers. See the table on the right for jumper settings.

SCSI Enable/Disable Jumper Settings	
Jumper Setting	Definition
Pins 1-2	Enabled
Pins 2-3	Disabled

SCSI CH A/B Termination Enable/Disable (For the X6DH8-G2+ only)

Jumpers JPA2 and JPA3 allow you to enable or disable termination for the SCSI headers. Jumper JPA2 controls SCSI channel A, and JPA3 is for SCSI channel B. The default setting is open to enable (terminate) both SCSI channels. **Note:** the manufacture default setting is "Open". For SCSI to function properly, please do not change the default setting. See the table on the right for jumper settings.

SCSI channel Termination Jumper Settings	
Jumper Setting	Definition
Open (Default)	Enabled
Closed	Disabled

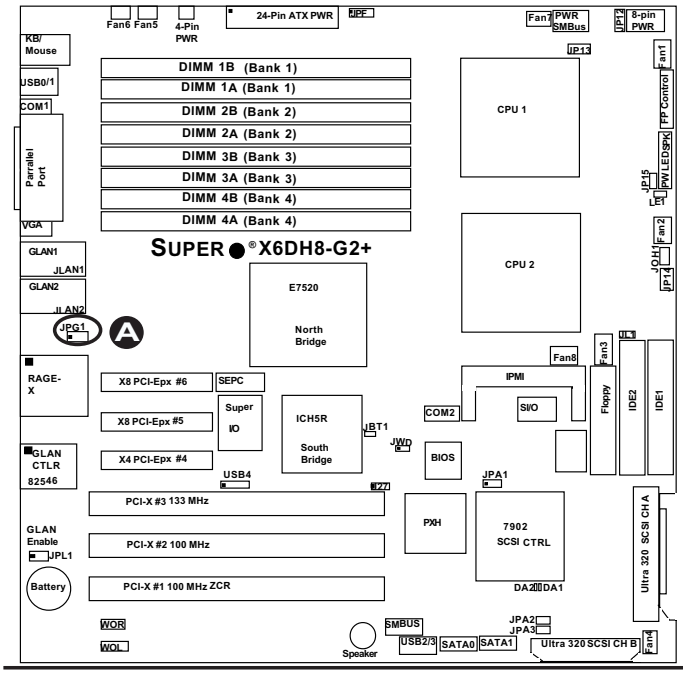


A. SCSI Enable
B. SCSI Channel A Termination Enable
C. SCSI Channel A Termination Enable

VGA Enable/Disable

JPG1 enables or disables the VGA Connector on the motherboard. See the table on the right for jumper settings. The default setting is enabled.

VGA Enable/Disable Jumper Settings	
Jumper Setting	Definition
Pins 1-2	Enabled
Pins 2-3	Disabled

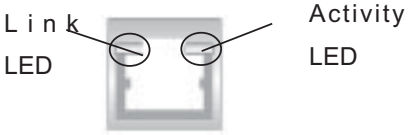


A. VGA Enable

2-7 Onboard Indicators

GLAN LEDs

There are two GLAN ports on the motherboard. Each Gigabit Ethernet LAN port has two LEDs. The yellow LED indicates activity, while the power LED may be green, amber or off to indicate the speed of the connection. See the table at right for the status associated with the second LED.



Rear View (when facing the rear side of the chassis)

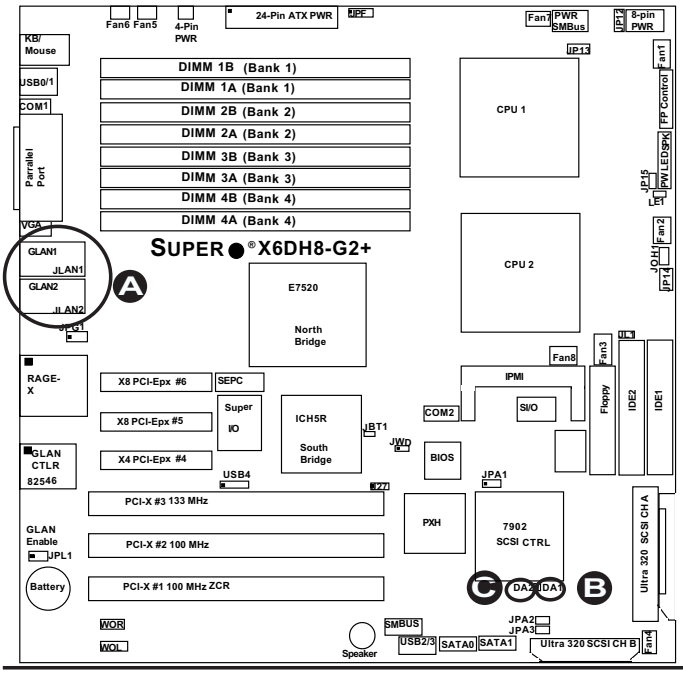
GLAN Activity Indicator LED Setting		
Color	Status	Definition
Yellow	Flashing	Active

GLAN Link Indicator LED Settings	
LED Color	Definition
Off	No Connection or 10 Mbps
Green	100 Mbps
Amber	1 Gbps

SCSI Channel Activity LED Indicators (X6DH8-G2+ only)

Two LEDs (DA1, DA2) to indicate SCSI activity are located near the SCSI controller (AIC-7902) chip. DA1 indicates the activity status of SCSI Channel A, and DA2 DA1 indicates the activity status of SCSI Channel B. See the table at right for the functions associated with each LED.

SCSI channel Activity LEDs (DA1, DA2)	
LED	Definition
DA1	Channel A Active
DA2	Channel B Active



A. GLAN1/GLAN2 ports

B. SCSI Channel A Activity LED

C. SCSI Channel B Activity LED

2-8 Parallel Port, Floppy Drive, Hard Disk Drive, IPMI 2.0 and SCSI Connections

Note the following when connecting the floppy and hard disk drive cables:

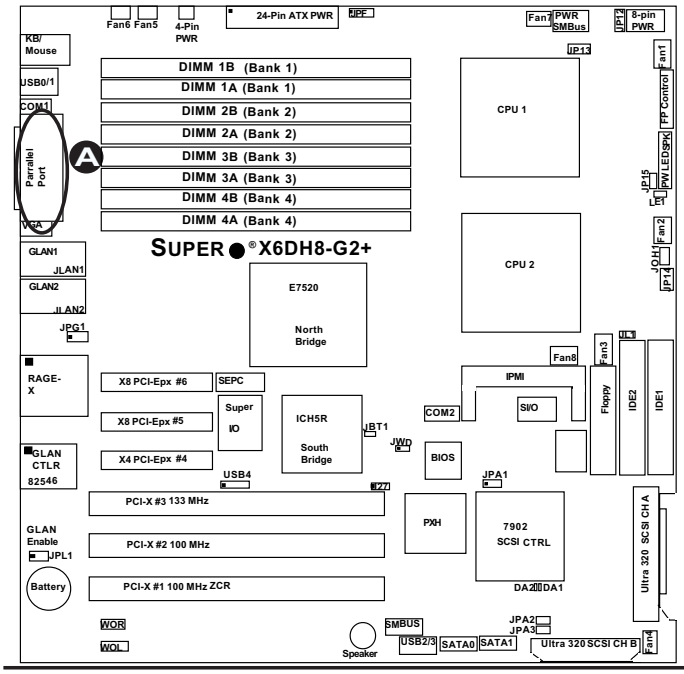
- The floppy disk drive cable has seven twisted wires.
- A red mark on a wire typically designates the location of pin 1.
- A single floppy disk drive ribbon cable has 34 wires and two connectors to provide for two floppy disk drives. The connector with twisted wires always connects to drive A, and the connector that does not have twisted wires always connects to drive B.

Parallel (Printer) Port Connector

The parallel (printer) port is located at J23. See the table on the right for pin definitions.

Parallel (Printer) Port Connector Pin Definitions

Pin#	Definition	Pin #	Definition
1	Strobe-	2	Auto Feed-
3	Data Bit 0	4	Error-
5	Data Bit 1	6	Init-
7	Data Bit 2	8	SLCT IN-
9	Data Bit 3	10	GND
11	Data Bit 4	12	GND
13	Data Bit 5	14	GND
15	Data Bit 6	16	GND
17	Data Bit 7	18	GND
19	ACK	20	GND
21	BUSY	22	Write Data
23	PE	24	Write Gate
25	SLCT	26	NC



A. Parallel Port

Floppy Connector

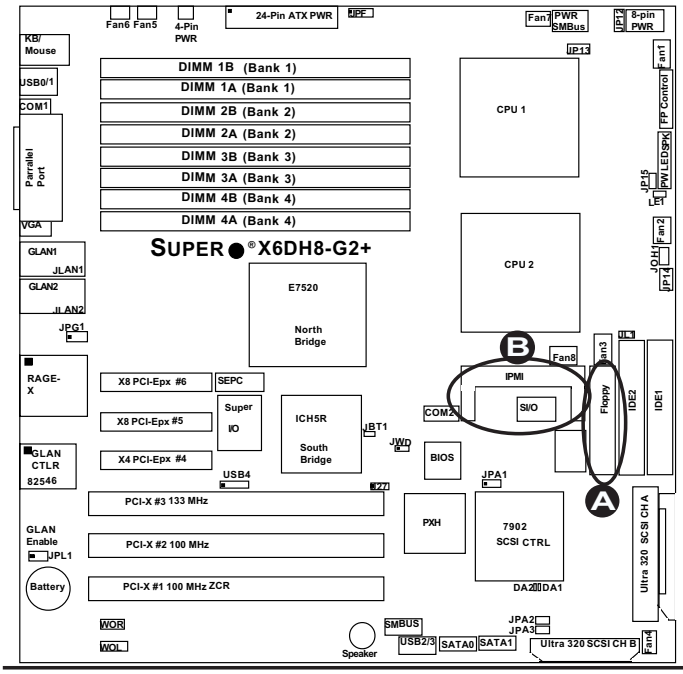
The floppy connector is located at JP8. See the table below for pin definitions.

Floppy Drive Connector Pin Definitions (Floppy)

Pin#	Definition	Pin #	Definition
1	Ground	2	FDHDIN
3	Ground	4	Reserved
5	Key	6	FDEDIN
7	Ground	8	Index
9	Ground	10	Motor Enable
11	Ground	12	Drive Select B
13	Ground	14	Drive Select B
15	Ground	16	Motor Enable
17	Ground	18	DIR
19	Ground	20	STEP
21	Ground	22	Write Data
23	Ground	24	Write Gate
25	Ground	26	Track 00
27	Ground	28	Write Protect
29	Ground	30	Read Data
31	Ground	32	Side 1 Select
33	Ground	34	Diskette

IPMI 2.0 Socket

There is an IPMI 2.0 Socket on the motherboard. An IPMI 2.0 card is needed for you to use this slot. Refer to the layout below for the IPMI Socket location.



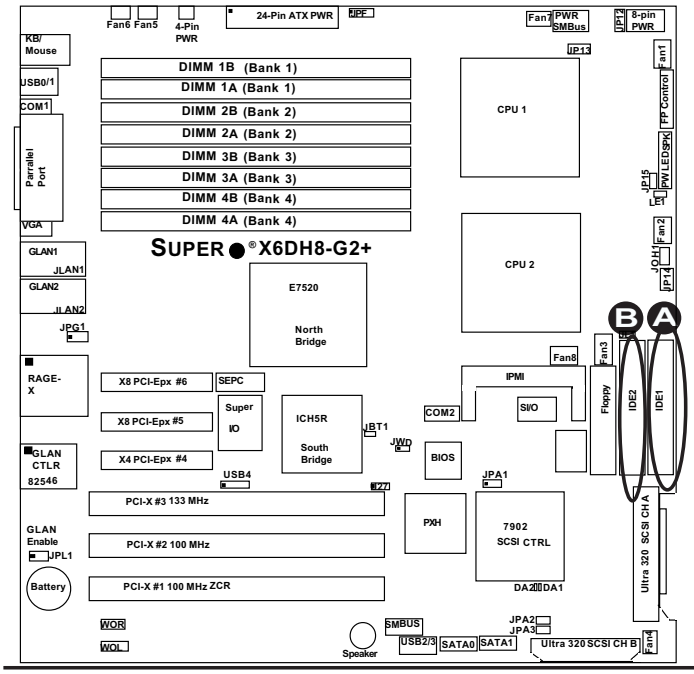
A. Floppy

B. IPMI 2.0

IDE Connectors

IDE#1 and IDE#2 connectors are located next to Floppy Drive Connector (at J3 and J4, respectively). See the table on the right for pin definitions.

IDE Drive Connectors Pin Definitions			
Pin#	Definition	Pin #	Definition
1	Reset IDE	2	Ground
3	Host Data 7	4	Host Data 8
5	Host Data 6	6	Host Data 9
7	Host Data 5	8	Host Data 10
9	Host Data 4	10	Host Data 11
11	Host Data 3	12	Host Data 12
13	Host Data 2	14	Host Data 13
15	Host Data 1	16	Host Data 14
17	Host Data 0	18	Host Data 15
19	Ground	20	Key
21	DRQ3	22	Ground
23	I/O Write	24	Ground
25	I/O Read	26	Ground
27	IOCHRDY	28	BALE
29	DACK3	30	Ground
31	IRQ14	32	IOCS16
33	Addr1	34	Ground
35	Addr0	36	Addr2
37	Chip Select 0	38	Chip Select 1
39	Activity	40	Ground



A. IDE 1

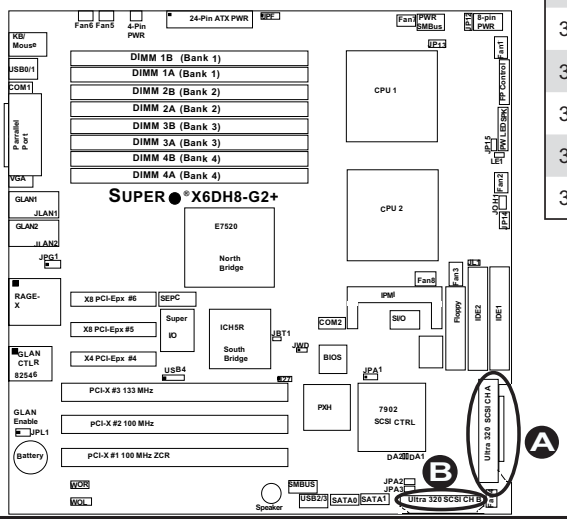
B. IDE 2

Ultra320 SCSI Connectors (X6DH8-G2+ Only)

Refer to the table below for the pin definitions of the Ultra320 SCSI connectors located at JA1 (Channel A) and JA2 (Channel B).

Ultra320 SCSI Drive Connector Pin Definitions

Pin#	Definition	Pin #	Definition
1	+DB (12)	35	-DB (12)
2	+DB (13)	36	-DB (13)
3	+DB (14)	37	-DB (14)
4	+DB (15)	38	-DB (15)
5	+DB (P1)	39	-DB (P1)
6	+DB (0)	40	-DB (0)
7	+DB (1)	41	-DB (1)
8	+DB (2)	42	-DB (2)
9	+DB (3)	43	-DB (3)
10	+DB (4)	44	-DB (4)
11	+DB (5)	45	-DB (5)
12	+DB (6)	46	-DB (6)
13	+DB (7)	47	-DB (7)
14	+DB (P)	48	-DB (P)
15	Ground	49	Ground
16	DIFFSENS	50	Ground
17	TERMPWR	51	TERMPWR
18	TERMPWR	52	TERMPWR
19	Reserved	53	Reserved
20	Ground	54	Ground
21	+ATN	55	-ATN
22	Ground	56	Ground
23	+BSY	57	-BSY
24	+ACK	58	-ACK
25	+RST	59	-RST
26	+MSG	60	-MSG
27	+SEL	61	-SEL
28	+C/D	62	-C/D
29	+REQ	63	-REQ
30	+I/O	64	-I/O
31	+DB (8)	65	-DB (8)
32	+DB (9)	66	-DB (9)
33	+DB (10)	67	-DB (10)
34	+DB (11)	68	-DB (11)



A. SCSI Channel A

B. SCSI Channel B

Chapter 3
Troubleshooting

3-1 Troubleshooting Procedures

Use the following procedures to troubleshoot your system. If you have followed all of the procedures below and still need assistance, refer to the 'Technical Support Procedures' and/or 'Returning Merchandise for Service' section(s) in this chapter. **Note: Always disconnect the power cord before adding, changing or installing any hardware components.**

Before Power On

1. Make sure no short circuits exist between the motherboard and chassis.
2. Disconnect all ribbon/wire cables from the motherboard, including those for the keyboard and mouse.
3. Remove all add-on cards.
4. Install one CPU (making sure it is fully seated) and connect the chassis speaker and the power LED to the motherboard. (Check all jumper settings as well.)
5. Use only the correct type of CMOS onboard battery as recommended by the Manufacturer. Do not install the onboard battery upside down to avoid possible explosion.

No Power

1. Make sure no short circuits exist between the motherboard and the chassis.
2. Verify that all jumpers are set to their default positions.
3. Check that the 115V/230V switch on the power supply is properly set.
4. Turn the power switch on and off to test the system.
5. The battery on your motherboard may be old. Check to verify that it still supplies ~3VDC. If it does not, replace it with a new one.

No Video

1. If the power is on but you have no video, remove all the add-on cards and cables. (Note: By default, the onboard speaker is enabled.)
2. Remove the memory and turn on the system.
3. Use the speaker to determine if any beep codes exist. (Refer to the Appendix for details on beep codes.) If you've got a no-memory beep code, you will need to replace the memory modules with new and correct ones, for your system memory is either bad or incompatible. If you do not have a no-memory beep code, please call the technical support.

NOTE

If you are a system integrator, VAR or OEM, a POST diagnostics card is recommended. For I/O port 80h codes, refer to App. B.

Memory Errors

1. Make sure the DIMM modules are properly and fully installed.
2. Determine if different speeds of DIMMs have been installed and verify that the BIOS setup is configured for the fastest speed of RAM used. It is recommended to use the same RAM speed for all DIMMs in the system.
3. Make sure you are using the correct type of Registered ECC DDR2-400 (PC3200) SDRAM (recommended by the manufacturer.)
4. Check for bad DIMM modules or slots by swapping a single module between two slots and noting the results.
5. Make sure all memory modules are fully seated in their slots. As an interleaved memory scheme is used, you must install two modules at a time, beginning with Bank 1, then Bank 2, and so on (see Section 2-3).
6. Check the position of the 115V/230V switch on the power supply.

Losing the System's Setup Configuration

1. Ensure that you are using a high quality power supply. A poor quality power supply may cause the system to lose the CMOS setup information. Refer to Section 1-6 for details on recommended power supplies.
2. The battery on your motherboard may be old. Check to verify that it still supplies ~3VDC. If it does not, replace it with a new one.
3. If the above steps do not fix the Setup Configuration problem, contact your vendor for repairs.

3-2 Technical Support Procedures

Before contacting Technical Support, please take the following steps. Also, note that as a motherboard manufacturer, Super Micro does not sell directly to end-users, so it is best to first check with your distributor or reseller for troubleshooting services. They should know of any possible problem(s) with the specific system configuration that was sold to you.

1. Please go through the 'Troubleshooting Procedures' and 'Frequently Asked Question' (FAQ) sections in this chapter or see the FAQs on our web site (http://www.supermicro.com/support/faqs/) before contacting Technical Support.
2. BIOS upgrades can be downloaded from our web site at (http://www.supermicro.com/support/bios/).

Note: Not all BIOS can be flashed; it depends on the modifications to the boot block code.

3. If you still cannot resolve the problem, be sure to have the following information ready when contacting Supermicro for technical support:
   - Motherboard model and PCB revision number
   - BIOS release date/version (this can be seen on the initial display when your system first boots up)
   - System configuration

   An example of a Technical Support form is on our web site at (http://www.supermicro.com/support/contact.cfm).
4. Distributors: For immediate assistance, please have your account number ready when placing a call to our technical support department. We can be reached by e-mail at support@supermicro.com or by fax at: (408)503-8000, option 2.

3-3 Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What are the various types of memory that my motherboard can support?

Answer: The X6DH8-G2+/X6DHE-G2+ has eight 240-pin DIMM slots that support registered ECC DDRII-400 (PC3200) SDRAM modules. It is strongly recommended that you do not mix memory modules of different speeds and sizes.

Question: How do I update my BIOS?

Answer: It is recommended that you **do not** upgrade your BIOS if you are not experiencing any problems with your system. Updated BIOS files are located on our web site at (http://www.supermicro.com/support/bios/). Please check our BIOS warning message and the information on how to update your BIOS on our web site. Also, check the current BIOS revision and make sure it is newer than your BIOS before downloading. Select your motherboard model and download the BIOS file to your computer. Unzip the BIOS files onto a bootable floppy and reboot your system. Follow the Readme.txt to continue flashing the BIOS.

(**Warning**: Do not shut down or reset the system while updating BIOS to prevent possible system boot failure!)

Question: What's on the CD that came with my motherboard?

Answer: The supplied compact disc has quite a few drivers and programs that will greatly enhance your system. We recommend that you review the CD and install the applications you need. Applications on the CD include chipset drivers for Windows and security and audio drivers.

3-4 Returning Merchandise for Service

A receipt or copy of your invoice marked with the date of purchase is required before any warranty service will be rendered. You can obtain service by calling your vendor for a Returned Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number. When returning to the manufacturer, the RMA number should be prominently displayed on the outside of the shipping carton, and mailed prepaid or hand-carried. Shipping and handling charges will be applied for all orders that must be mailed when service is complete.

This warranty only covers normal consumer use and does not cover damages incurred in shipping or from failure due to the alternation, misuse, abuse or improper maintenance of products.

During the warranty period, contact your distributor first for any product problems.

Chapter 4
BIOS

4-1 Introduction

This chapter describes the Phoenix BIOS™ Setup utility for the X6DH8-G2+/ X6DHE-G2+. The Phoenix ROM BIOS is stored in a flash chip and can be easily upgraded using a floppy disk-based program.

Note: Due to periodic changes to the BIOS, some settings may have been added or deleted and might not yet be recorded in this manual. Please refer to the Manual Download area of the Supermicro web site <http://www.supermicro.com> for any changes to the BIOS that may not be reflected in this manual.

System BIOS

The BIOS is the Basic Input Output System used in all IBM® PC, XT™, AT®, and PS/2® compatible computers. The Phoenix BIOS stores the system parameters, type of disk drives, video displays, etc. in the CMOS. The CMOS memory requires very little electrical power. When the computer is turned off, a backup battery provides power to the CMOS Logic, enabling it to retain system parameters. Each time the computer is powered on, the computer is configured with the values stored in the CMOS Logic by the system BIOS, which gains control at boot-up.

How To Change the Configuration Data

The CMOS information that determines the system parameters may be changed by entering the BIOS Setup utility. This Setup utility can be accessed by pressing the <Delete> key at the appropriate time during system boot. (See below.)

Starting the Setup Utility

Normally, the only visible POST (Power On Self Test) routine is the memory test. As the memory is being tested, press the <Delete> key to enter the main menu of the BIOS Setup utility. From the main menu, you can access the other setup screens, such as the Security and Power menus. Beginning with Section 4-3, detailed descriptions are given for each parameter setting in the Setup utility.

Warning: Do not shut down or reset the system while updating BIOS to prevent possible boot failure.

4-2 Running Setup

Default settings are in bold text unless otherwise noted.

The BIOS setup options described in this section are selected by choosing the appropriate text from the main BIOS Setup screen. All displayed text is described in this section, although the screen display is often all you need to understand how to set the options (see the next page).

When you first power on the computer, the Phoenix BIOS™ is immediately activated.

While the BIOS is in control, the Setup program can be activated in one of two ways:

1. By pressing <Delete> immediately after turning the system on, or
2. When the message shown below appears briefly at the bottom of the screen during the POST (Power On Self-Test), press the <Delete> key to activate the main Setup menu:

Press the <Delete> key to enter Setup

4-3 Main BIOS Setup

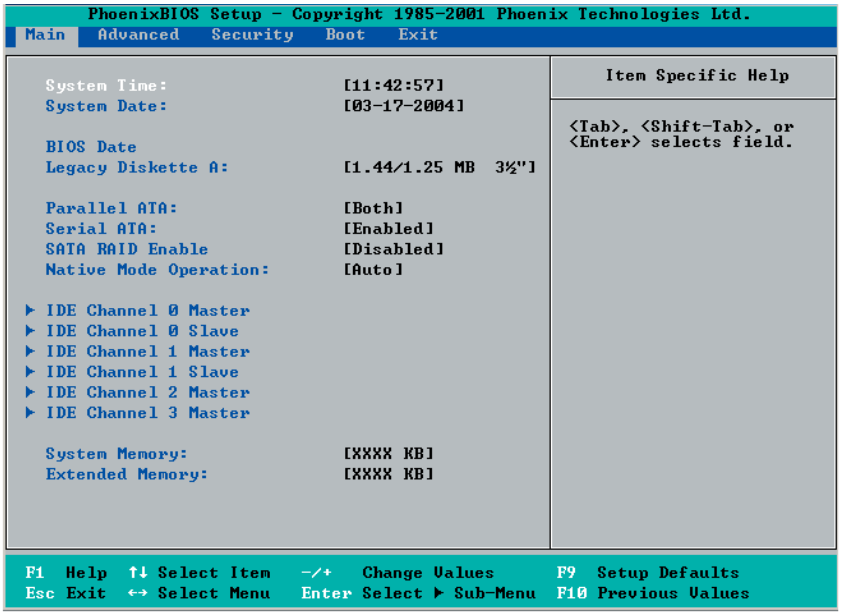
All main Setup options are described in this section. The main BIOS Setup screen is displayed below.

Use the Up/Down arrow keys to move among the different settings in each menu. Use the Left/Right arrow keys to change the options for each setting.

Press the <Esc> key to exit the CMOS Setup Menu. The next section describes in detail how to navigate through the menus.

Items that use submenus are indicated with the ▶icon. With the item highlighted, press the <Enter> key to access the submenu.

Main BIOS Setup Menu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Main Advanced Security Boot Exit
System Time: [11:42:57]
System Date: [03-17-2004]
BIOS Date
Legacy Diskette A: [1.44/1.25 MB 3½"]
Parallel ATA: [Both]
Serial ATA: [Enabled]
SATA RAID Enable [Disabled]
Native Mode Operation: [Auto]
IDE Channel 0 Master
IDE Channel 0 Slave
IDE Channel 1 Master
IDE Channel 1 Slave
IDE Channel 2 Master
IDE Channel 3 Master
System Memory: [XXXX KB]
Extended Memory: [XXXX KB]
Item Specific Help
<Tab>, <Shift-Tab>, or <Enter> selects field.
F1 Help ↑↓ Select Item -/+ Change Values F9 Setup Defaults
Esc Exit ↔ Select Menu Enter Select ▶ Sub-Menu F10 Previous Values

Main Setup Features

System Time

To set the system date and time, key in the correct information in the appropriate fields. Then press the <Enter> key to save the data.

System Date

Using the arrow keys, highlight the month, day and year fields, and enter the correct data. Press the <Enter> key to save the data.

BIOS Date

This field displays the date when this version of BIOS was built.

Legacy Diskette A

This setting allows the user to set the type of floppy disk drive installed as diskette A. The options are Disabled, 360Kb 5.25 in, 1.2MB 5.25 in, 720Kb 3.5 in, **1.44/1.25MB**, 3.5 in and 2.88MB 3.5 in.

Parallel ATA

This setting allows the user to enable or disable the function of Parallel ATA. The options are Disabled, Channel 0, Channel 1, and **Both.**

Serial ATA

This setting allows the user to enable or disable the function of Serial ATA. The options are Disabled and **Enabled.**

Serial ATA RAID Enable

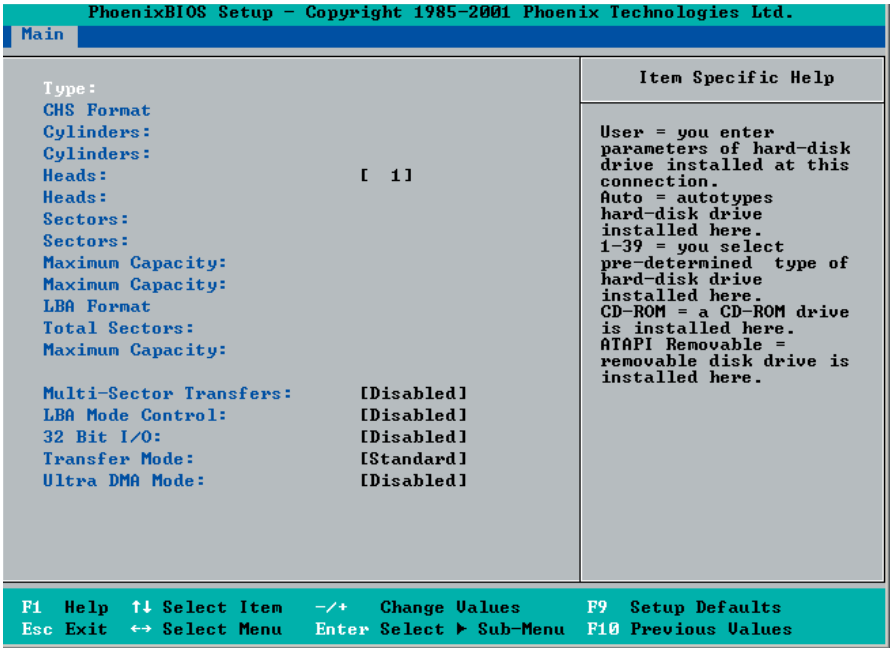
Select Enable to enable Serial ATA RAID Functions. (For the Windows OS environment, use the RAID driver if this feature is set to Enabled. If set to **Disabled**, use the Non-RAID driver.)

Native Mode Operation

This option allows the user to select the native mode for ATA. The options are Parallel ATA, Serial ATA, Both, and **Auto**.

▶IDE Channel 0 Master/Slave, IDE Channel 1 Master/Slave, IDE Channel 2 Master, IDE Channel 3 Master

These settings allow the user to set the parameters of IDE Channel 0 Master/ Slave, IDE Channel 1 Master/Slave, IDE Channel 2 Master, IDE Channel 3 Master slots. Hit <Enter> to activate the following sub-menu screen for detailed options of these items. Set the correct configurations accordingly. The items included in the sub-menu are: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Main
Type:
CHS Format
Cylinders:
Cylinders:
Heads: [1]
Heads:
Sectors:
Sectors:
Maximum Capacity:
Maximum Capacity:
LBA Format
Total Sectors:
Maximum Capacity:
Multi-Sector Transfers: [Disabled]
LBA Mode Control: [Disabled]
32 Bit I/O: [Disabled]
Transfer Mode: [Standard]
Ultra DMA Mode: [Disabled]
Item Specific Help
User = you enter parameters of hard-disk drive installed at this connection.
Auto = autotypes hard-disk drive installed here.
1-39 = you select pre-determined type of hard-disk drive installed here.
CD-ROM = a CD-ROM drive is installed here.
ATAPI Removable = removable disk drive is installed here.
F1 Help ↑↓ Select Item -/+ Change Values F9 Setup Defaults
Esc Exit ↔ Select Menu Enter Select ▶ Sub-Menu F10 Previous Values

Type

This option allows the user to select the type of IDE hard drive. Select **Auto** to allow the BIOS to automatically determine the hard drive's capacity, number of heads, etc.). Enter a number from 1-39 to select a predetermined type of hard drive, CDROM and ATAPI Removable. Select User to allow the user to enter the parameters of the HDD installed at this connection. Select CDROM if a CDROM drive is installed. Select ATAPI if a removable disk drive is installed.

CHS Format

The following items will be displayed by the BIOS:

TYPE: This item displays the type of IDE or SATA devices.

Cylinders: This item indicates the status of Cylinders.

Headers: This item indicates the number of headers.

Sectors: This item displays the number of sectors.

Maximum Capacity: This item displays the maximum storage capacity of the system.

LBA Format

The following items will be displayed by the BIOS:

Total Sectors: This item displays the number of total sectors available in the LBA Format.

Maximum Capacity: This item displays the maximum capacity in the LBA Format.

Multi-Sector Transfer

This item allows the user to specify the number of sectors per block to be used in multi-sector transfer. The options are **Disabled**, 4 Sectors, 8 Sectors, and 16 Sectors.

LBA Mode Control

This item determines whether the Phoenix BIOS will access the IDE Channel 0 Master Device via the LBA mode. The options are Enabled and **Disabled**.

32 Bit I/O

This option allows the user to enable or disable the function of 32-bit data transfer. The options are Enabled and **Disabled**.

Transfer Mode

This option allows the user to select the transfer mode for the system. The options are **Standard,** Fast PIO1, Fast PIO2, Fast PIO3, Fast PIO4, FPIO3/DMA1, and FPIO4/DMA2.

Ultra DMA Mode

This option allows the user to select the Ultra DMA Mode for the system. The options are **Disabled**, Mode 0, Mode 1, Mode 2, Mode 3, Mode 4 and Mode 5.

System Memory

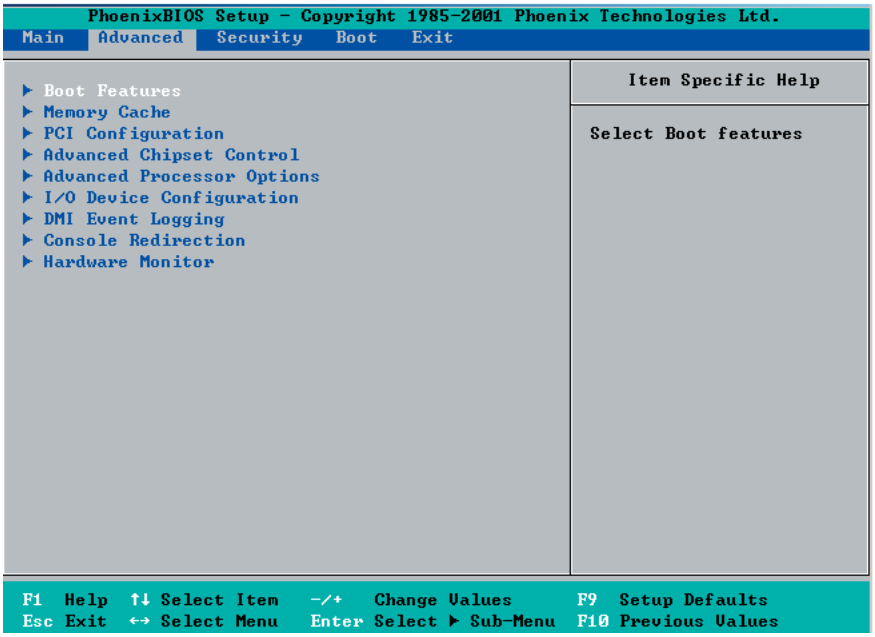
This display informs you how much system memory is recognized and detected in the system.

Extended Memory

This display informs you how much extended memory is recognized and detected in the system.

4-4 Advanced Setup

Choose Advanced from the Phoenix BIOS Setup Utility main menu with the arrow keys. You should see the following display. The items with a triangle beside them have sub menus that can be accessed by highlighting the item and pressing <Enter>. All Advanced BIOS Setup options are described in this section.



▶Boot Features

Access the submenu to make changes to the following settings.

Quick Boot Mode

If enabled, this feature will speed up the POST (Power On Self Test) routine by skipping certain tests after the computer is turned on. The settings are **Enabled** and Disabled. If Disabled, the POST routine will run at normal speed.

Quiet Boot

This setting allows you to **Enable** or Disable the graphic logo during boot-up.

ACPI Mode

Use the setting to determine if you want to employ ACPI (Advanced Configuration and Power Interface) power management on your system. The options are **Yes** and No.

Power Button Behavior

If set to **Instant-Off**, the system will power off immediately as soon as the user hits the power button. If set to 4-sec., the system will power off when the user presses the power button for 4 seconds or longer. The options are instant-off and 4-sec override.

Resume On Modem Ring

Select On to “wake your system up” when an incoming call is received by your modem. The options are On and **Off**.

After Power Failure

This setting allows you to choose how the system will react when power returns after an unexpected loss of power. The options are **Stay Off**, Power On, and Last State.

Watch Dog

If enabled, this option will automatically reset the system if the system is not active for more than 5 minutes. The options are Enabled and **Disabled**.

Summary Screen

This setting allows you to **Enable** or Disable the summary screen which displays the system configuration during bootup.

▶Memory Cache

Cache System BIOS Area

This setting allows you to designate a reserve area in the system memory to be used as a System BIOS buffer to allow the BIOS to write (cache) its data into this reserved memory area. Select "**Write Protect**" to enable this function, and this area will be reserved for BIOS ROM access only. Select "Uncached" to disable this function and make this area available for other devices.

Cache Video BIOS Area

This setting allows you to designate a reserve area in the system memory to be used as a Video BIOS buffer to allow the BIOS to write (cache) its data into this reserved memory area. Select "**Write Protect**" to enable the function and this area will be reserved for Video BIOS ROM access only. Select "Uncached" to disable this function and make this area available for other devices.

Cache Base 0-512K

If enabled, this feature will allow the data stored in the base memory area: block 0-512K to be cached (written) into a buffer, a storage area in the Static DRM (SDROM) or to be written into L1, L2 cache inside the CPU to speed up CPU operations . Select "Uncached" to disable this function. Select "Write Through" to allow data to be cached into the buffer and written into the system memory at the same time. Select "Write Protect" to prevent data from being written into the base memory area of Block 0-512K. Select "Write Back" to allow the CPU to write data back directly from the buffer without writing data to the System Memory for fast CPU data processing and operation. The options are Uncached, Write Through, Write Protect, and **Write Back.**

Cache Base 512K-640K

If enabled, this feature will allow the data stored in the memory area: 512K-640K to be cached (written) into a buffer, a storage area in the Static DRM (SDROM) or written into L1, L2, L3 cache inside the CPU to speed up CPU operations. Select "Uncached" to disable this function. Select "Write Through" to allow data to be cached into the buffer and written into the system memory at the same time. Select "Write Protect" to prevent data from being written into the base memory area of Block 512K-640K. Select "Write Back" to allow the CPU to write data back directly from the buffer without writing data to the System Memory for fast CPU data processing and operation. The options are Uncached, Write Through, Write Protect, and **Write Back.**

Cache Extended Memory

If enabled, this feature will allow the data stored in the extended memory area to be cached (written) into a buffer, a storage area in the Static DRM (SDROM)

or written into L1, L2, L3 cache inside the CPU to speed up CPU operations. Select "Uncached" to disable this function. Select "Write Through" to allow data to be cached into the buffer and written into the system memory at the same time. Select "Write Protect" to prevent data from being written into the extended memory area of Block above 1 MB. Select "Write Back" to allow the CPU to write data back directly from the buffer without writing data to the System Memory for fast CPU data processing and operation. The options are Uncached, Write Through, Write Protect, and **Write Back.**

Discrete MTRR Allocation

If enabled, MTRRs (-Memory Type Range Registers) are configured as distinct, separate units and cannot be overlapped. If enabled, the user can achieve better graphic effects when using a Linux graphic driver that requires the write-combining configuration with 4GB or more memory. The options are Enabled and **Disabled**.

▶PCI Configuration

Access the submenu to make changes to the following settings for PCI devices.

Onboard GLAN (Gigabit- LAN) OPROM Configure

Enabling this option provides the capability to boot from GLAN. The options are **Disabled** and Enabled.

Onboard SCSI OPROM Configure (X6DH8-G2+ only)

Enabling this option provides the capitally to boot from SCSI HDD. The options are Disabled and **Enabled**.

Default Primary Video Adapter

This item allows the user to select the Primary Video Adapter between two adapters instead of selecting among three or more adapters. The options are Other and **Onboard Video**.

PCI Parity Error Forwarding

Enable this item to forward the PCI errors occurring behind P2P bridges to the South Bridge, so NMI can be asserted. The options are Enabled and **Disabled**.

ROM Scan Ordering

This feature allows the user to decide which Option ROM to be activated first. The options are **Onboard Option ROM first** and Add-On first.

Reset Configuration Data

If set to Yes, this setting clears the Extended System Configuration Data- (ESCD) area. The options are Yes and **No**.

Frequency for PCI-X#1-#2/SCSI

This option allows the user to change the bus frequency for the devices installed in the slot indicated. The options are **Auto**, PCI 33 MHz, PCI 66 MHz, PCI-X 66 MHz, and PCI-X 100 MHz.

Frequency for PCI-X#3/G-LAN

This option allows the user to change the bus frequency of the devices installed in the slot indicated. The options are **Auto**, PCI 33 MHz, PCI 66 MHz, PCI-X 66 MHz, PCI-X 100 MHz, and PCI-X 133 MHz.

Frequency for PCI-X#1 On Riser, Frequency for PCI-X#2-#3 On Riser (Available when a 2U Active Riser Card is present.)

This option allows the user to change the bus frequency of the devices installed in the slot indicated. The options are **Auto**, PCI 33 MHz, PCI 66 MHz, PCI-X 66 MHz, PCI-X 100 MHz, and PCI-X 133 MHz.

▶PCI-X 100MHz ZCR Slot#1, PCI-X 100MHzSlot#2, PCI-X 133MHz Slot#3, PCI-Exp x4 Slot#4, PCI-Exp x8 Slot#5, PCI-Exp x8 Slot#6 (or PCI-Exp x8 Slot#6 and Riser, if a 2U Active Riser Card is present.)

Access the submenu for each of the settings above to make changes to the following:

Option ROM Scan

When enabled, this setting will initialize the device expansion ROM. The options are **Enabled** and Disabled.

Enable Master

This setting allows you to enable the selected device as the PCI bus master. The options are **Enabled** and Disabled.

Latency Timer

This setting allows you to set the clock rate for Bus Master. A high-priority, high-throughout device may benefit from a greater clock rate. The options are **Default**, 0020h, 0040h, 0060h, 0080h, 00A0h, 00C0h, and 00E0h. For Unix, Novell and other Operating Systems, please select the option: other. If a drive fails after the installation of a new software, you might want to change this setting and try again. A different OS requires a different Bus Master clock rate**.**

Large Disk Access Mode

This setting determines how large hard drives are to be accessed. The options are **DOS** or Other (for Unix, Novellle NetWare and other operating systems).

▶Advanced Chipset Control

Access the submenu to make changes to the following settings.

Force Compliance Mode

This feature allows you to enable the PCI-Express Compliance Mode. The options are **Disabled** or Enabled.

Memory RAS Feature Control

Select this option in order to enable the special feature of DIMM sparing or memory mirroring. The options are Mirroring, Sparing, and **Standard**.

Clock Spectrum Feature

If "Enabled", the BIOS will monitor the level of Electromagnetic Interference caused by the components and will attempt to decrease the interference whenever needed. The options are Enabled and **Disabled**.

Memory Remap Function Control

PCI memory resources will overlap with the physical memory if 4GB of memory or above is installed on the motherboard. When this occurs, **enable** this function to reallocate the overlapped physical memory to a location above 4GB to resolve the memory overlapping situation.

DRAM Data Integrity Mode

If enabled, this feature allows the data stored in the DRMA memory to be integrated for faster data processing. The options are 72-bit ECC, 144-bit ECC, **Auto,** and Disabled.

ECC Error Type

This setting lets you select which type of interrupt to be activated as a result of an ECC error. The options are None, NMI (Non-Maskable Interrupt), **SMI** (System Management Interrupt), and SCI (System Control Interrupt).

SERR Signal Condition

This setting specifies the ECC Error conditions that an SERR# is to be asserted. The options are None, **Single Bit**, Multiple Bit, and Both.

Enabling Multi-Media Timer

Select Yes to activate a set of timers that are alternative to the traditional 8254 timers for the OS use. The options are Yes and **No**.

USB Function

Select Enabled to enable the function of USB devices specified. The settings are **Enabled** and Disabled.

Legacy USB Support

This setting allows you to enable support for Legacy USB devices. The settings are **Enabled** and Disabled.

▶Advanced Processor Options

Access the submenu to make changes to the following settings.

CPU Speed

This is a display that indicates the speed of the installed processor.

Hyper-threading (Available when supported by the CPU.)

Set to Enabled to use the Hyper-Threading Technology, which will result in increased CPU performance. The options are Disabled or **Enabled.**

Machine Checking (Available when supported by the CPU.)

Set to Enabled to activate the function of Machine Checking and allow the CPU to detect and report hardware (machine) errors via a set of model-specific registers (MSRs). The options are Disabled or **Enabled**.

C1 Enhanced Mode (Available when supported by the CPU.)

Set to Enabled to enable Enhanced Halt State to lower CPU voltage/frequency to prevent overheat. The options are Enabled and **Disabled**. (**Note:** please refer to Intel's web site for detailed information.)

No Execute Mode Memory Protection (Available when supported by the CPU and the OS.)

Set to **Enabled** to enable Execute Disable Bit and allow the processor to classify areas in memory where an application code can execute and where it cannot, and thus preventing a worm or a virus from inserting and creating a flood of codes to overwhelm the processor or damage the system during an attack.

Note: this feature is available when your OS and your CPU support the function of Execute Disable Bit. The options are Disabled and **Enabled**. **Note**: For more information regarding hardware/software support for this function, please refer to Intel's and Microsoft's web sites.

Thermal Management 2 (Available when supported by the CPU.)

Set to Enabled to use Thermal Management 2 (TM2) which will lower CPU voltage and frequency when the CPU temperature reaches a pre-defined overheat threshold. Set to **Disabled** to use Thermal Manager 1 (TM1), allowing CPU clocking to be regulated via CPU Internal Clock modulation when the CPU temperature reaches the overheat threshold.

Adjacent Cache Line Prefetch (Available when supported by the CPU.)

The CPU fetches the cache line for 64 bytes if this option is set to Disabled. The CPU fetches both cache lines for 128 bytes as comprised if Enabled. The options are Disabled and **Enabled**.

Processor Power Management

This feature allows the user to determine the processor power management mode. The options are **Disabled** and C States Only. If set to Disabled, C States and GV1/GV3 are disabled. If set to C States only, the processor power will be controlled through CPU power states in the APCI setting.

▶I/O Device Configuration

Access the submenu to make changes to the following settings.

KBC Clock Input

This setting allows you to select clock frequency for KBC. The options are 6MHz, 8MHz, **12MHz** and 16MHz.

On-board COM 1

This setting allows you to assign control of On-board COM1. The options are **Enabled** (user defined), Disabled, and Auto (BIOS- or OS- controlled).

Base I/O Address

Select the base I/O address for serial port A. The options are 3F8/IRQ3, **3F8/IRQ4**, 2F8/IRQ3, 2F8/IRQ4, 3E8/IRQ3, 3E8/IRQ4, 2E8/IRQ3, and 2E8/IRQ4.

On-board COM 2

This setting allows you to assign control of On-board COM2. The options are **Enabled** (user defined), Disabled, Auto (BIOS controlled), and OS Controlled.

Base I/O Address

This setting allows you to select the base I/O address for serial port B. The options are 3F8/IRQ3, 3F8/IRQ4, **2F8/IRQ3**, 2F8/IRQ4, 3E8/IRQ3, 3E8/IRQ4, 2E8/IRQ3, and 2E8/IRQ4.

Parallel Port

This setting allows you to assign control of the parallel port. The options are **Enabled** (user defined), Disabled and, Auto (BIOS-or OS- controlled).

Base I/O Address

This setting allows you to select the base I/O address for the parallel port. The options are **378**, 278, and 3BC.

Interrupt

This setting allows you to select the IRQ (interrupt request) for the parallel port. The options are IRQ5 and **IRQ7**.

DMA Channel

This item allows you to specify the DMA channel for the parallel port. The options are **DMA1** and DMA3.

Mode

This feature allows you to specify the parallel port mode. The options are Output only, Bi-Directional, EPP, and **ECP**.

Floppy Disk Controller

This setting allows you to assign control of the floppy disk controller. The options are **Enabled** (user defined), Disabled, and Auto (BIOS and OS controlled).

Base I/O Address

This setting allows you to select the base I/O address for the parallel port. The options are **Primary** and Secondary.

▶DMI Event Logging

Access the submenu to make changes to the following settings.

Event Log Validity

This is a display to inform you of the event log validity. It is not a setting.

Event Log Capacity

This is a display to inform you of the event log capacity. It is not a setting.

View DMI Event Log

Highlight this item and press <Enter> to view the contents of the event log.

Event Logging

This setting allows you to **Enable** or Disable event logging.

ECC Event Logging

This setting allows you to **Enable** or Disable ECC event logging.

Mark DMI Events as Read

Highlight this item and press <Enter> to mark the DMI events as read.

Clear All DMI Event Logs

Select Yes and press <Enter> to clear all DMI event logs. The options are Yes and **No**

▶Console Redirection

Access the submenu to make changes to the following settings.

COM Port Address

This item allows you to specify which COM port to direct the remote console to: Onboard COM A or Onboard COM B. This setting can also be **Disabled**.

BAUD Rate

This item allows you to set the BAUD rate for console redirection. The options are 300, 1200, 2400, 9600, **19.2K**, 38.4K, 57.6K, and 115.2K.

Console Type

This item allows you to set console redirection type. The options are VT100, VT100/8bit, PC-ANSI/7bit, **PC ANSI**, VT100+, VT-UTF8 and ASCII.

Flow Control

This item allows you to select the flow control option for the console. The options are: None, XON/XOFF, and **CTS/RTS**.

Console Connection

This item allows you to decide how console redirection is to be connected: either **Direct** or Via Modem.

Continue CR after POST

Select on to continue with console redirection after the POST routine. The options are On and **Off**.

▶Hardware Monitor Logic

CPU Temperature Threshold

This option allows the user to set a CPU temperature threshold that will activate the alarm system when the CPU temperature reaches this pre-set temperature threshold. The options are 75°C, **80°C**, 85°C, and 90°C. (See Note on 4-17.)

Highlight this and hit <Enter> to see monitor data for the following items:

CPU1 Temperature: This item displays CPU1 Temperature.

CPU2 Temperature: This item displays CPU2 Temperature.

LM93 **Temperature**: This item displays LM93 Temperature.

LM30 **Temperature**: This item displays LM30 Temperature.

System Temperature: This item displays the System Temperature.

CPU Temperature Threshold

Fan Speed Control Modes

This feature allows the user to decide how the system controls the speeds of the onboard fans. The CPU temperature and the fan speed are correlative. When the CPU on-die temperature increases, the fan speed will also increase, and vice versa. If the option is set to "3-pin fan", the fan speed is controlled by voltage. If the option is set to "4-pin", the fan speed will be controlled by Pulse Width Modulation (PWM). Select "3-pin" if your chassis came with 3-pin fan headers. Select "4-pin" if your chassis came with 4-pin fan headers. Select "Workstation" if your system is used as a Workstation. Select "Server" if your system is used as a Server. Select "Disable" to disable the fan speed control function to allow the onboard fans to run at the full speed (12V) at all the time. The Options are: **1. Disable**, 2. 3-pin (Server), 3. 3-pin (Workstation), 4. 4-pin (Server), and 5. 4-pin (Workstation).

Fan 1-FAN6/Fan 7 (CPU Fan1)/Fan 8 (CPU Fan2): If the feature of Auto Fan Control is enabled, the BIOS will automatically display the status of the fans indicated in this item.

Voltage Monitoring

This feature displays the voltage status of the following items:

P12V_CPU 1_SCALED/P12V_CPU 2_SCALED

P12V_SCALED

CPU Vio

MCH/PXH Vcore

ICH Vcore

CPU1 Vcore/CPU2 Vcore

P3_V3

P5V

1V8_SC

Vdimm

HECETA_MEM_VTT

P1V0_NIC

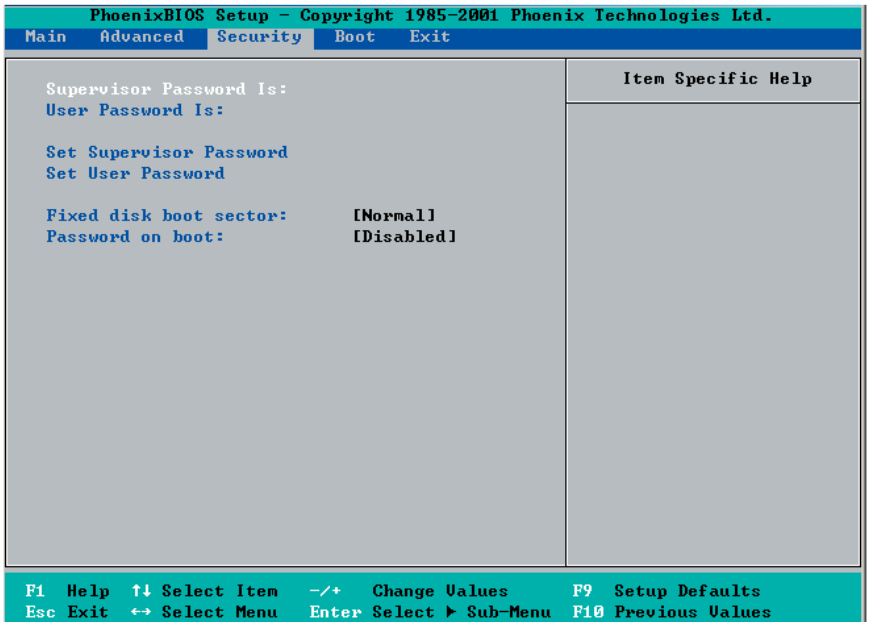
N12V_SCALED

P3V3_STBY

Note: In the Windows OS environment, the Supero Doctor III settings take precedence over the BIOS settings. When first installed, Supero Doctor III adopts the temperature threshold settings previously set in the BIOS. Any subsequent changes to these thresholds must be made within Supero Doctor, since the SD III settings override the BIOS settings. For the Windows OS to adopt the BIOS temperature threshold settings, please change the SDIII settings to be the same as those set in the BIOS.

4-5 Security

Choose Security from the Phoenix BIOS Setup Utility main menu with the arrow keys. You should see the following display. Security setting options are displayed by highlighting the setting using the arrow keys and pressing <Enter>. All Security BIOS settings are described in this section.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Main Advanced Security Boot Exit
Supervisor Password Is:
User Password Is:
Set Supervisor Password
Set User Password
Fixed disk boot sector: [Normal]
Password on boot: [Disabled]
Item Specific Help
F1 Help ↑↓ Select Item -/+ Change Values F9 Setup Defaults
Esc Exit ↔ Select Menu Enter Select ▶ Sub-Menu F10 Previous Values

Supervisor Password Is:

This item indicates if a supervisor password has been entered for the system. Clear means such a password has not been used and Set means a supervisor password has been entered for the system.

User Password Is:

This item indicates if a user password has been entered for the system. Clear means such a password has not been used and Set means a user password has been entered for the system.

Set Supervisor Password

When the item "Set Supervisor Password" is highlighted, hit the <Enter> key. When prompted, type the Supervisor's password in the dialogue box to set or to change supervisor's password, which allows access to the BIOS.

Set User Password

When the item "Set User Password" is highlighted, hit the <Enter> key. When prompted, type the user's password in the dialogue box to set or to change the user's password, which allows access to the system at boot-up.

Fixed Disk Boot Sector

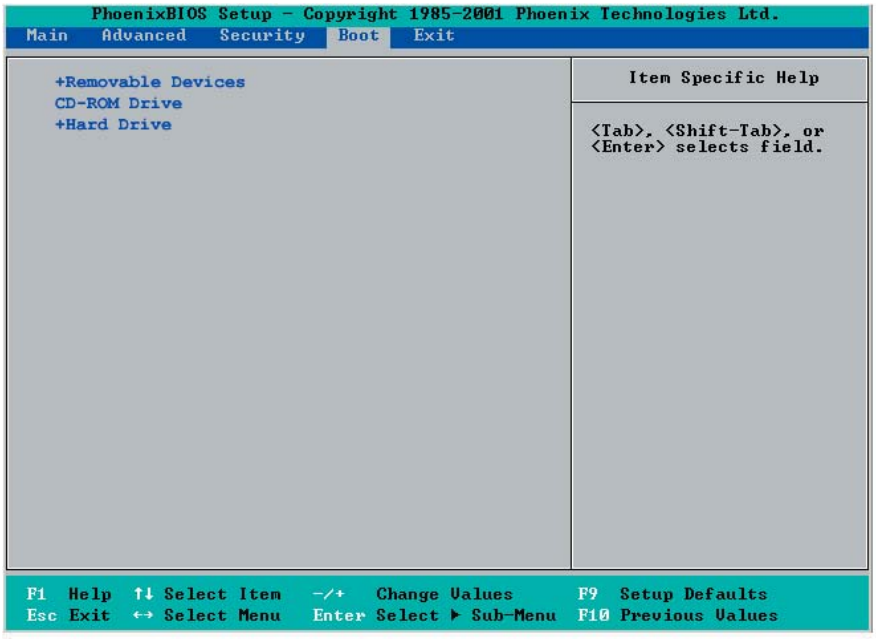
This setting may offer some protection against viruses when set to Write Protect, which protects the boot sector on the hard drive from having a virus written to it. The other option is **Normal**.

Password on Boot

When set to **Enabled**, the user is required to key in a password to enter the setup utility at boot up. The options are **Enabled** (password required) and Disabled (password not required).

4-6 Boot

Choose Boot from the Phoenix BIOS Setup Utility main menu with the arrow keys. You should see the following display. Highlighting a setting with a + or - will expand or collapse that entry. See details on how to change the order and specs of boot devices in the Item Specific Help window. All Boot BIOS settings are described in this section.


PhoenixBIOS Setup - Copyright 1985-2001 Phoenix Technologies Ltd.
Main Advanced Security Boot Exit
+Removable Devices
CD-ROM Drive
+Hard Drive
Item Specific Help
<Tab>, <Shift-Tab>, or <Enter> selects field.
F1 Help ↑↓ Select Item -/+ Change Values F9 Setup Defaults
Esc Exit ↔ Select Menu Enter Select ▶ Sub-Menu F10 Previous Values

+Removable Devices

Highlight and press <Enter> to expand the field. See details on how to change the order and specs of devices in the Item Specific Help window.

CDROM Drive

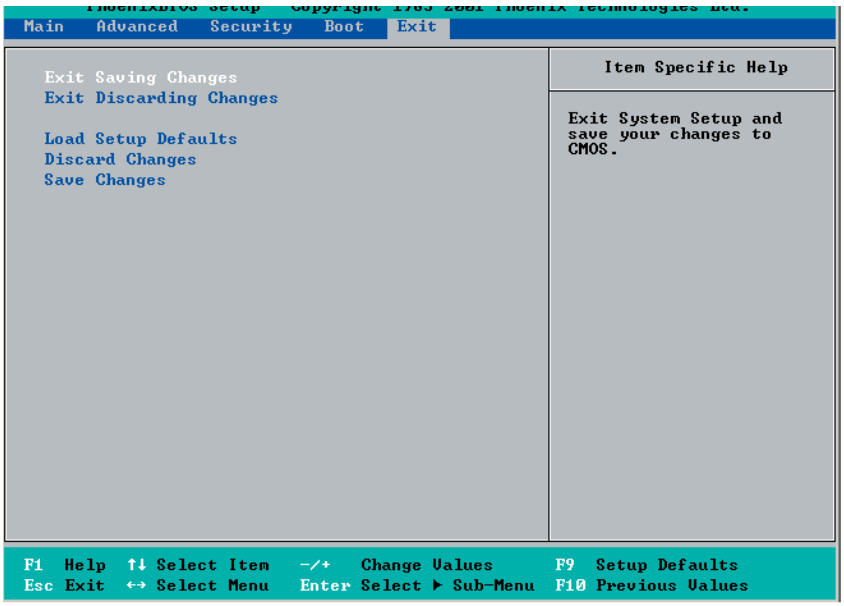
See details on how to change the order and specs of the CDROM drive in the Item Specific Help window.

+Hard Drive

Highlight and press <Enter> to expand the field. See details on how to change the order and specs of hard drives in the Item Specific Help window.

4-7 Exit

Choose Exit from the Phoenix BIOS Setup Utility main menu with the arrow keys. You should see the following display. All Exit BIOS settings are described in this section.


Main Advanced Security Boot Exit
Exit Saving Changes
Exit Discarding Changes
Load Setup Defaults
Discard Changes
Save Changes
Item Specific Help
Exit System Setup and save your changes to CMOS.
F1 Help ↑↓ Select Item -/+ Change Values F9 Setup Defaults
Esc Exit ↔ Select Menu Enter Select ▶ Sub-Menu F10 Previous Values

Exit Saving Changes

Highlight this item and hit <Enter> to save any changes you made and to exit the BIOS Setup utility.

Exit Discarding Changes

Highlight this item and hit <Enter> to exit the BIOS Setup utility without saving any changes you may have made.

Load Setup Defaults

Highlight this item and hit <Enter> to load the default settings for all items in the BIOS Setup. These are the safest settings to use.

Discard Changes

Highlight this item and hit <Enter> to discard (cancel) any changes you made. You will remain in the Setup utility.

Save Changes

Highlight this item and hit <Enter> to save any changes you made. You will remain in the Setup utility.

Appendix A
BIOS POST Messages

During the Power-On Self-Test (POST), the BIOS will check for problems. If a problem is found, the BIOS will activate an alarm or display a message. The following is a list of such BIOS messages.

Failure Fixed Disk
Fixed disk is not working or not configured properly. Check to see if fixed disk is attached properly. Run Setup. Find out if the fixed-disk type is correctly identified.

Stuck key
Stuck key on keyboard.

Keyboard error
Keyboard not working.

Keyboard Controller Failed
Keyboard controller failed test. May require replacing keyboard controller.

Keyboard locked - Unlock key switch
Unlock the system to proceed.

Monitor type does not match CMOS - Run SETUP
Monitor type not correctly identified in Setup

Shadow Ram Failed at offset: nnnn
Shadow RAM failed at offset **nnnn** of the 64k block at which the error was detected.

System RAM Failed at offset: nnnn
System RAM failed at offset **nnnn** of in the 64k block at which the error was detected.

Extended RAM Failed at offset: nnnn
Extended memory not
working or not configured properly at offset **nnnn.**

System battery is dead - Replace and run SETUP
The CMOS clock battery indicator shows the battery is dead. Replace the battery and run Setup to reconfigure the system.

System CMOS checksum bad - Default configuration used

System CMOS has been corrupted or modified incorrectly, perhaps by an application program that changes data stored in CMOS. The BIOS installed Default Setup Values. If you do not want these values, enter Setup and enter your own values. If the error persists, check the system battery or contact your dealer.

System timer error

The timer test failed. Requires repair of system board.

Real time clock error

Real-Time Clock fails BIOS hardware test. May require board repair.

Check date and time settings

BIOS found date or time out of range and reset the Real-Time Clock. May require setting legal date (1991-2099).

Previous boot incomplete - Default configuration used

Previous POST did not complete successfully. POST loads default values and offers to run Setup. If the failure was caused by incorrect values and they are not corrected, the next boot will likely fail. On systems with control of **wait states**, improper Setup settings can also terminate POST and cause this error on the next boot. Run Setup and verify that the waitstate configuration is correct. This error is cleared the next time the system is booted.

Memory Size found by POST differed from CMOS

Memory size found by POST differed from CMOS.

Diskette drive A error

Diskette drive B error

Drive A: or B: is present but fails the BIOS POST diskette tests. Check to see that the drive is defined with the proper diskette type in Setup and that the diskette drive is attached correctly.

Incorrect Drive A type - run SETUP

Type of floppy drive A: not correctly identified in Setup.

Incorrect Drive B type - run SETUP

Type of floppy drive B: not correctly identified in Setup.

System cache error - Cache disabled
RAM cache failed and BIOS disabled the cache. On older boards, check the cache jumpers. You may have to replace the cache. See your dealer. A disabled cache slows system performance considerably.

CPU ID:
CPU socket number for Multi-Processor error.

EISA CMOS not writeable
ServerBIOS2 test error: Cannot write to EISA CMOS.

DMA Test Failed
ServerBIOS2 test error: Cannot write to extended **DMA** (Direct Memory Access) registers.

Software NMI Failed
ServerBIOS2 test error: Cannot generate software NMI (Non-Maskable Interrupt).

Fail-Safe Timer NMI Failed
ServerBIOS2 test error: Fail-Safe Timer takes too long.

device Address Conflict
Address conflict for specified **device.**

Allocation Error for: device
Run ISA or EISA Configuration Utility to resolve resource conflict for the specified **device**.

CD ROM Drive
CD ROM Drive identified.

Entering SETUP ...
Starting Setup program

Failing Bits: nnnn
The hex number **nnnn** is a map of the bits at the RAM address which failed the memory test. Each 1 (one) in the map indicates a failed bit. See errors 230, 231, or 232 above for offset address of the failure in System, Extended, or Shadow memory.

Fixed Disk n
Fixed disk **n** (0-3) identified.

Invalid System Configuration Data
Problem with NVRAM (CMOS) data.

I/O device IRQ conflict
I/O device IRQ conflict error.

PS/2 Mouse Boot Summary Screen:
PS/2 Mouse installed.

nnnn kB Extended RAM Passed
Where **nnnn** is the amount of RAM in kilobytes successfully tested.

nnnn Cache SRAM Passed
Where **nnnn** is the amount of system cache in kilobytes successfully tested.

nnnn kB Shadow RAM Passed
Where **nnnn** is the amount of shadow RAM in kilobytes successfully tested.

nnnn kB System RAM Passed
Where **nnnn** is the amount of system RAM in kilobytes successfully tested.

One or more I2O Block Storage Devices were excluded from the Setup Boot Menu
There was not enough room in the IPL table to display all installed I2O block-storage devices.

Operating system not found
Operating system cannot be located on either drive A: or drive C:. Enter Setup and see if fixed disk and drive A: are properly identified.

Parity Check 1 nnnn
Parity error found in the system bus. BIOS attempts to locate the address and display it on the screen. If it cannot locate the address, it displays **????.** Parity is a method for checking errors in binary data. A parity error indicates that some data has been corrupted.

Parity Check 2 nnnn
Parity error found in the I/O bus. BIOS attempts to locate the address and display it on the screen. If it cannot locate the address, it displays **????.**

Press <F1> to resume, <F2> to Setup, <F3> for previous

Displayed after any recoverable error message. Press <F1> to start the boot process or <F2> to enter Setup and change the settings. Press <F3> to display the previous screen (usually an initialization error of an **Option ROM**, i.e., an add-on card). Write down and follow the information shown on the screen.

Press <F2> to enter Setup

Optional message displayed during POST. Can be turned off in Setup.

PS/2 Mouse:

PS/2 mouse identified.

Run the I2O Configuration Utility

One or more unclaimed block storage devices have the Configuration Request bit set in the LCT. Run an I2O Configuration Utility (e.g. the SAC utility).

System BIOS shadowed

System BIOS copied to shadow RAM.

UMB upper limit segment address: *nnnn*

Displays the address ***nnnn*** of the upper limit of **Upper Memory Blocks**, indicating released segments of the BIOS which can be reclaimed by a virtual memory manager.

Video BIOS shadowed

Video BIOS successfully copied to shadow RAM.

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Appendix B
BIOS POST Codes

This section lists the POST (Power On Self Test) codes for the PhoenixBIOS. POST codes are divided into two categories: recoverable and terminal.

Recoverable POST Errors

When a recoverable type of error occurs during POST, the BIOS will display an POST code that describes the problem. BIOS may also issue one of the following beep codes:

1 long and two short beeps - video configuration error
1 repetitive long beep - no memory detected

Terminal POST Errors

If a terminal type of error occurs, BIOS will shut down the system. Before doing so, BIOS will write the error to port 80h, attempt to initialize video and write the error in the top left corner of the screen. The following is a list of codes that may be written to port 80h.

POST Code	Description
01h	IPMI Initialization
02h	Verify Real Mode
03h	Disable Non-Maskable Interrupt (NMI)
04h	Get CPU type
06h	Initialize system hardware
07h	Disable shadow and execute code from the ROM.
08h	Initialize chipset with initial POST values
09h	Set IN POST flag
0Ah	Initialize CPU registers
0Bh	Enable CPU cache
0Ch	Initialize caches to initial POST values
0Eh	Initialize I/O component
0Fh	Initialize the local bus IDE
10h	Initialize Power Management
11h	Load alternate registers with initial POST values
12h	Restore CPU control word during warm boot
13h	Reset PCI Bus Mastering devices
14h	Initialize keyboard controller
16h	1-2-2-3 BIOS ROM checksum
17h	Initialize cache before memory Auto size

POST Code	Description
18h	8254 timer initialization
1Ah	8237 DMA controller initialization
1Ch	Reset Programmable Interrupt Controller
20h	1-3-1-1 Test DRAM refresh
22h	1-3-1-3 Test 8742 Keyboard Controller
24h	Set ES segment register to 4 GB
28h	Auto size DRAM
29h	Initialize POST Memory Manager
2Ah	Clear 512 kB base RAM
2Ch	1-3-4-1 RAM failure on address line xxxx*
2Eh	1-3-4-3 RAM failure on data bits xxxx* of low byte of memory bus
2Fh	Enable cache before system BIOS shadow
32h	Test CPU bus-clock frequency
33h	Initialize Phoenix Dispatch Manager
36h	Warm start shut down
38h	Shadow system BIOS ROM
3Ah	Auto size cache
3Ch	Advanced configuration of chipset registers
3Dh	Load alternate registers with CMOS values
41h	Initialize extended memory for RomPilot (optional)
42h	Initialize interrupt vectors
45h	POST device initialization
46h	2-1-2-3 Check ROM copyright notice
48h	Check video configuration against CMOS
49h	Initialize PCI bus and devices
4Ah	Initialize all video adapters in system
4Bh	QuietBoot start (optional)
4Ch	Shadow video BIOS ROM
4Eh	Display BIOS copyright notice
4Fh	Initialize MultiBoot
50h	Display CPU type and speed
51h	Initialize EISA board (optional)
52h	Test keyboard
54h	Set key click if enabled
55h	Enable USB devices
58h	2-2-3-1 Test for unexpected interrupts
59h	Initialize POST display service
5Ah	Display prompt “Press <ESC> to enter SETUP”
5Bh	Disable CPU cache

POST Code	Description
5Ch	Test RAM between 512 and 640 kB
60h	Test extended memory
62h	Test extended memory address lines
64h	Jump to UserPatch1
66h	Configure advanced cache registers
67h	Initialize Multi Processor APIC
68h	Enable external and CPU caches
69h	Setup System Management Mode (SMM) area
6Ah	Display external L2 cache size
6Bh	Load custom defaults (optional)
6Ch	Display shadow-area message
70h	Display error messages
72h	Check for configuration errors
76h	Check for keyboard errors
7Ch	Set up hardware interrupt vectors
7Dh	Initialize Intelligent System Monitoring (optional)
7Eh	Initialize coprocessor if present
80h	Disable onboard Super I/O ports and IRQs (optional)
81h	Late POST device initialization
82h	Detect and install external RS232 ports
83h	Configure non-MCD IDE controllers
84h	Detect and install external parallel ports
85h	Initialize PC-compatible PnP ISA devices
86h	Re-initialize onboard I/O ports.
87h	Configure Motherboard Configurable Devices (optional)
88h	Initialize BIOS Data Area
89h	Enable Non-Maskable Interrupts (NMIs)
8Ah	Initialize Extended BIOS Data Area
8Bh	Test and initialize PS/2 mouse
8Ch	Initialize floppy controller
8Fh	Determine number of ATA drives (optional)
90h	Initialize hard-disk controllers
91h	Initialize local-bus hard-disk controllers
92h	Jump to UserPatch2
93h	Build MPTABLE for multi-processor boards
95h	Install CD ROM for boot
96h	Clear huge ES segment register
97h	Fix up Multi Processor table
98h	1-2 Search for option ROMs and shadow if successful. One long, two short beeps on checksum failure

POST Code	Description
99h	Check for SMART Drive (optional)
9Ch	Set up Power Management
9Dh	Initialize security engine (optional)
9Eh	Enable hardware interrupts
9Fh	Determine number of ATA and SCSI drives
A0h	Set time of day
A2h	Check key lock
A4h	Initialize typematic rate
A8h	Erase <ESC> prompt
AAh	Scan for <ESC> key stroke
ACh	Enter SETUP
AEh	Clear Boot flag
B0h	Check for errors
B1h	Inform RomPilot about the end of POST (optional)
B2h	POST done - prepare to boot operating system
B4h	1 One short beep before boot
B5h	Terminate QuietBoot (optional)
B6h	Check password (optional)
B7h	Initialize ACPI BIOS and PPM Structures
B9h	Prepare Boot
BAh	Initialize SMBIOS
BCh	Clear parity checkers
BDh	Display MultiBoot menu
BEh	Clear screen (optional)
BFh	Check virus and backup reminders
C0h	Try to boot with INT 19
C1h	Initialize POST Error Manager (PEM)
C2h	Initialize error logging
C3h	Initialize error display function
C4h	Initialize system error flags
C6h	Console redirection init.
C7h	Unhook INT 10h if console redirection enabled
C8h	Force check (optional)
C9h	Extended ROM checksum (optional)
CDh	Reclaim console redirection vector

POST Code	Description
D2h	Unknown interrupt
D4h	Check Intel Branding string
D8h	Alert Standard Format initialization
D9h	Late init for IPMI
DEh	Log error if micro-code not updated properly

The following are for boot block in Flash ROM

POST Code	Description
E0h	Initialize the chipset
E1h	Initialize the bridge
E2h	Initialize the CPU
E3h	Initialize system timer
E4h	Initialize system I/O
E5h	Check force recovery boot
E6h	Checksum BIOS ROM
E7h	Go to BIOS
E8h	Set Huge Segment
E9h	Initialize Multi Processor
EAh	Initialize OEM special code
EBh	Initialize PIC and DMA
ECh	Initialize Memory type
EDh	Initialize Memory size
EEh	Shadow Boot Block
EFh	System memory test
F0h	Initialize interrupt vectors
F1h	Initialize Run Time Clock
F2h	Initialize video
F3h	Initialize System Management Manager
F4h	Output one beep
F5h	Clear Huge Segment
F6h	Boot to Mini DOS
F7h	Boot to Full DOS

If the BIOS detects errors on 2C, 2E, or 30 (base 512K RAM error), it displays an additional word-bitmap (***xxxx***) indicating the address line or bits that have failed. For example, “2C 0002” means address line 1 (bit one set) has failed. “2E 1020" means data bits 12 and 5 (bits 12 and 5 set) have failed in the lower 16 bits. The BIOS also sends the bitmap to the port-80 LED display. It first displays the checkpoint code, followed by a delay, the high-order byte, another delay, and then the loworder byte of the error. It repeats this sequence continuously.

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Appendix C
Installing Software Drivers and the Windows Operating System

After all the hardware has been installed, you must first configure the Adaptec Embedded Serial ATA RAID Driver before you install the Windows operating system. The necessary drivers are all included on the Supermicro bootable CDs that came packaged with your motherboard. *(The following section provides information on Adaptec's SATA RAID Driver based on the Intel ICH5R Controller. For detailed information on Adaptec's SCSI SATA HostRAID Utility, please refer to the CDs included in the shipping package)*

C-1 Introduction to the Adaptec Embedded Serial ATA RAID Controller Driver

Serial ATA (SATA)

Serial ATA(SATA) is a physical storage interface. It uses a single cable with a minimum of four wires to create a point-to-point connection between devices. It is a serial link which supports SATA Transfer rates from 150MBps. Because the serial cables used in SATA are thinner than the traditional cables used in Parallel ATA(PATA), SATA systems have better airflow and can be installed in smaller chassis than Parallel ATA. In addition, the cables used in PATA can only extend to 40cm long, while Serial ATA cables can extend up to one meter. Overall, Serial ATA provides better functionality than Parallel ATA.

Introduction to the Intel ICH5R I/O Controller Hub

Located in the South Bridge of the Intel E7520 (Lindenhurst) Chipset, the ICH5R I/O Controller Hub provides the I/O subsystem with access to the rest of the system. It supports 2-channel Ultra ATA/100 Bus Master IDE controller (PATA) and two Serial ATA (SATA) Host Controllers, which support up to two Serial ATA ports and up to two RAID drives. The ICH5R I/O Controller Hub supports the following Parallel ATA (PATA) and Serial (SATA) device configurations:

ATA Operate Mode

You can select from the following two modes: Combined Mode and Enhanced Mode.

Combined Mode:

In this mode, system BIOS assigns the traditional IRQ 14 and IRQ 15 for the use of HDD. Up to 4 ATA devices are supported by this mode.

Within the Combined Mode, the following three modes are supported:

Non-Combined Mode: Parallel ATA only:with the maximum of 4 devices supported;

Non-Combined Mode: Serial ATA only:with the maximum of 2 devices supported;

Combined Mode: SATA devices and PATA: with the support of 2 devices each (total: 4 devices maximum). (For IDE/SATA configurations, please refer to the table below.)

Primary Master(=PM)	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Primary Slave(=PS)	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
Secondary Master(=SM)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
Secondary Slave(=SS)	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
SATA Port0	No	SM	SM	PM	PM	PM
SATA Port1	No	SS	SS	PS	PS	PS
*Note: (No=Not Present, Yes=Present) Also, if Logical Primary is selected, the IDE channels are no longer available.						

Enhanced Mode:

In this mode, system BIOS will automatically search for all available IRQs for the use of HDD. For newer Operating Systems that support the Enhanced Mode, such as Windows XP, Windows 2000, and Windows 2003, you can set SATA and PATA to the Enhanced Mode. (The newer Operating Systems can accommodate both Enhanced Mode and Combined Mode and support up to 6 ATA devices.)

(Please refer to the "Advanced Chipset Control" under the "Advanced" Setup in the BIOS for the selection of Combined Mode or Enhanced Mode.)

Configuring BIOS settings for the SATA RAID Functions (Enhanced Mode)

1. Press the <Del> key during system bootup to enter the BIOS Setup Utility.

(Note: If it is the first time to power on the system, we recommend that you load the Optimized Default Settings. If you have already done so, please skip to Step 3.

2. Use the arrow keys to select the "Exit" Menu. Once in the "Exit" Menu, scroll down the menu to select the item- "Load Setup Default" and press the <Enter> key. Select "Yes" to confirm the selection. Press the <Enter> key to load the default settings to the BIOS.

3. Use the arrow keys to select the "Main" Menu in the BIOS.

4. Scroll down to "SATA RAID Enable" and press the <Enter> Key to select this option.

5. From this submenu, select "Enable" and press <Enter>.

6. Tap the <Esc> key and scroll down to "Exit". Select "Save and Exit" from the "Exit" menu. Press the <Enter> key to save the changes and exit the BIOS.

7. Once you've exited the BIOS Utility, the system will re-boot.

8. During the system startup, press the <Ctrl> and the <A> keys simultaneously to run the Adaptec RAID Configuration Utility when prompted by the following message:

Press <Ctrl><A> for Adaptec RAID Configuration Utility.

The Adaptec Embedded Serial ATA with HostRAID Controller Driver

Adaptec's Embedded Serial ATA RAID with HostRAID controller adds RAID functionality to the Serial ATA I/O controller by supporting RAID 0 (Striping) or RAID 1 (Mirroring) to enhance the industry's pioneer PCI-to-e host controller products. RAID striping (RAID 0) can greatly improve hard disk I/O performance because of its capability in striping data across multiple drives. RAID mirroring (RAID 1) allows the data to be simultaneously written to two drives, so critical data is always available even if a single hard disk fails. Due to the built-in functionality, the X6DH8-G2+/X6DHE-G2+ is specially designed to keep pace with the increasing performance demands of computer systems by improving disk I/O throughput and providing data accessibility regardless of a single disk failure. By incorporating the Adaptec Embedded Serial ATA into the motherboard design, Supermicro's X6DH8-G2+/X6DHE-G2+ offers the user with the benefits of SATARAID without the high costs associated with hardware RAID applications.

(Note: For Adaptec's RAID Driver Installation Instructions, please refer to the Adaptec RAID Controller User's Guide: "Emb_SA_RAID_UG.pdf" in the CD that came with this motherboard. You can also download a copy of Adaptec's User's Guide from our web site at www.supermicro.com.)

Using the Adaptec RAID Configuration Utility (ARC)

The Adaptec RAID Configuration Utility is an embedded BIOS Utility, including:

Array Configuration Utility: Use this utility when you want to create, configure and manage arrays.

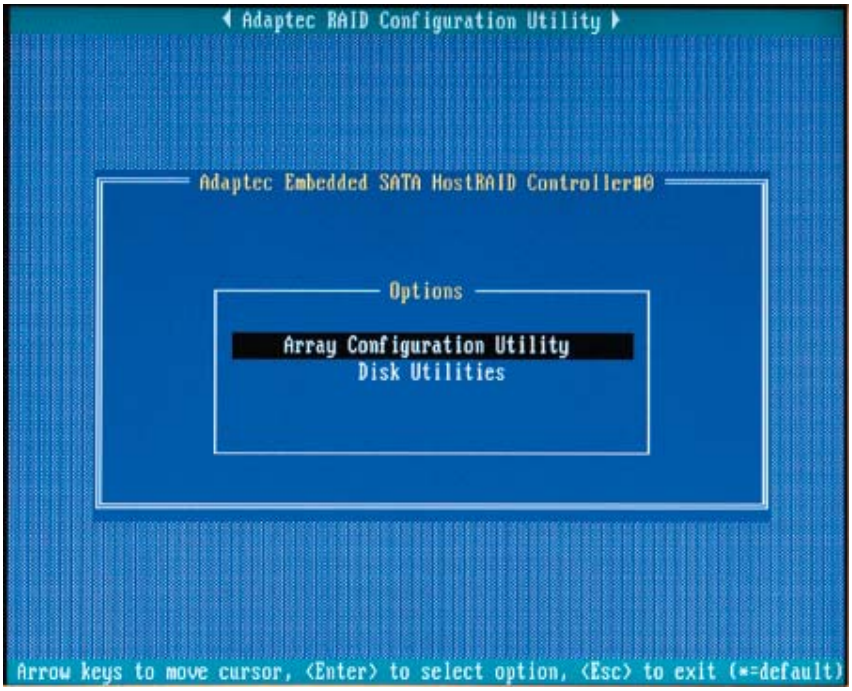
Disk Utilities: Use this option to format or verify disks.

To run the Adaptec RAID Configuration Utility, you will need to enable the RAID function in the system BIOS (refer to Chapter 4 for System BIOS Configurations), and then, press the <Ctrl> and <A> keys simultaneously when prompted to do so during the system startup. (Refer to the previous page for detailed instructions.)

Note: To select an option, use the arrow keys to highlight the item and then press the <Enter> key to select it. To return to the previous menu, press the <ESC> key.

A. Using the Array Configuration Utility (ACU)

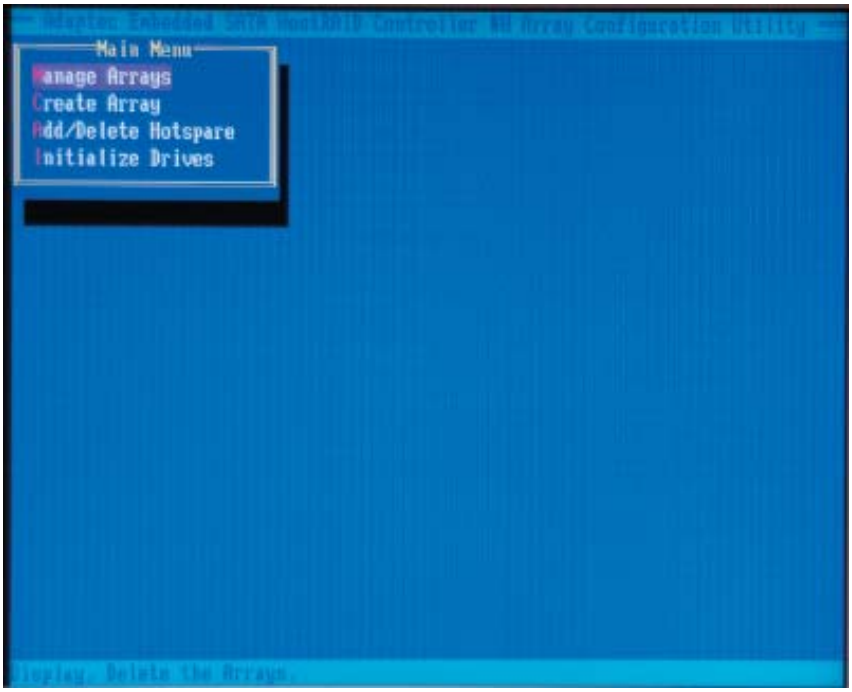
The Array Configuration Utility (ACU) enables you to create, manage, and delete arrays from the controller's BIOS, add and delete spare drives, and initialize drives. During the system startup, press <Ctrl> and <A> key simultaneously, and the main menu will appear.


Adaptec RAID Configuration Utility
Adaptec Embedded SATA HostRAID Controller#0
Options
Array Configuration Utility
Disk Utilities
Arrow keys to move cursor, <Enter> to select option, <Esc> to exit (*=default)

Managing Arrays

Select this option to view array properties, and delete arrays. The following sections describe the operations Of "Managing Arrays".

To select this option, use the arrow keys and the <enter> key to select "Managing Arrays" from the main menu (as shown above).



Viewing Array Properties

To view the properties of an existing array:

1. At the BIOS prompt, press Ctrl+A.

2. From the ARC menu, select Array Configuration Utility (ACU).

3. From the ACU menu, select Manage Arrays (as shown on the previous screen.)

4. From the List of Arrays dialog box, select the array you want to view and press Enter.

The Array Properties dialog box appears, showing detailed

information on the array. The physical disks associated with the array are displayed here.

5. Press Esc to return to the previous menu.

Deleting Arrays

Warning: Back up the data on an array before you delete it to prevent the loss of data. Deleted arrays cannot be restored.

To delete an existing array:

1. Turn on your computer and press Ctrl+A when prompted to access the ARC utility.

2. From the ARC main menu, select Array Configuration Utility
(ACU).
3. From the ACU menu, select Manage Arrays.

4. Select the array you wish to delete and press Delete.

5. In the Array Properties dialog box, select Delete and press Enter. The following prompt is displayed:

> Warning!! Deleting the array will render array unusable. Do you want to delete the array?(Yes/No):
>
> RAID 1 only—the following prompt is also displayed:
>
> Deleting the partition will result in data loss! Do you also want to delete the partition? (Yes/No):

6. Press Yes to delete the array or partition or No to return to the previous menu.

7. Press Esc to return to the previous menu.

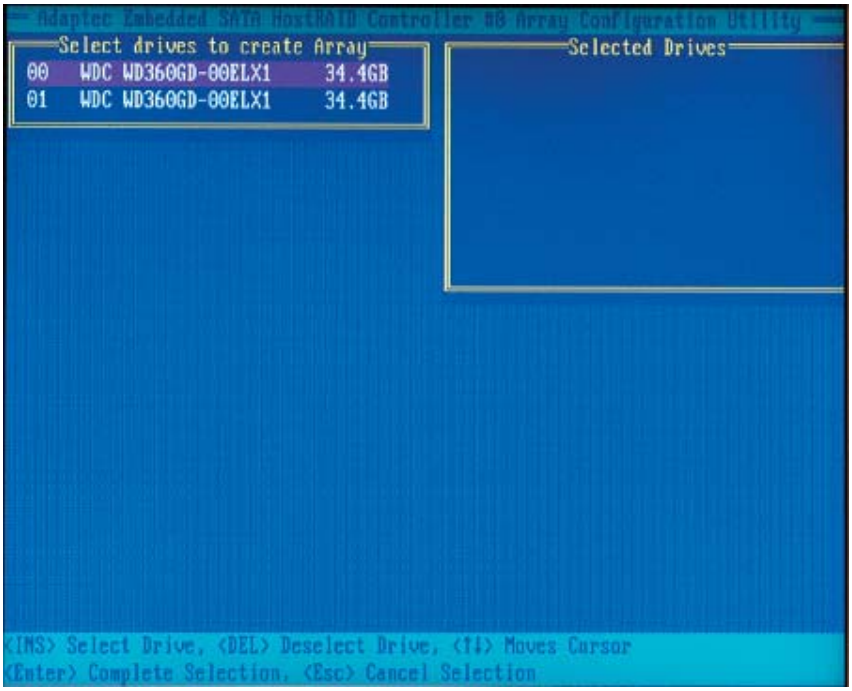
Creating Arrays

Before creating arrays, make sure the disks for the array are connected and installed in your system. Note that disks with no usable space, or disks that are un-initialized are shown in gray and cannot be used. See *Initializing Disk Drives*.

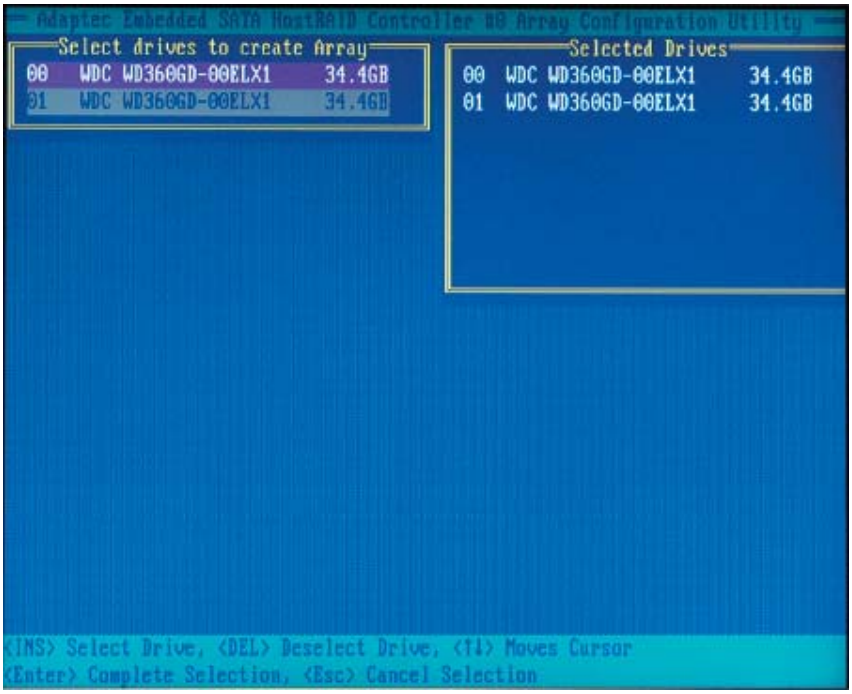
To create an array:

1. Turn on your computer and press Ctrl+A when prompted to access the ARC utility.
2. From the ARC menu, select Array Configuration Utility Main Menu (ACU) (as shown on the first screen on page C-5).
3. From the ACU menu, select Create Array.
4. Select the disks for the new array and press Insert (as the screen shown below).

Note: To deselect any disk, highlight the disk and press Delete.


Select drives to create Array
00 WDC WD360GD-00ELX1 34.4GB
01 WDC WD360GD-00ELX1 34.4GB
Selected Drives
<INS> Select Drive, <DEL> Deselect Drive, <↑↓> Moves Cursor
<Enter> Complete Selection, <Esc> Cancel Selection

5. Press Enter when both disks for the new array are selected. The Array Properties menu displays (as the screen shown on the next page).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<Enter> Complete Selection, <Esc> Cancel Selection

Assigning Array Properties

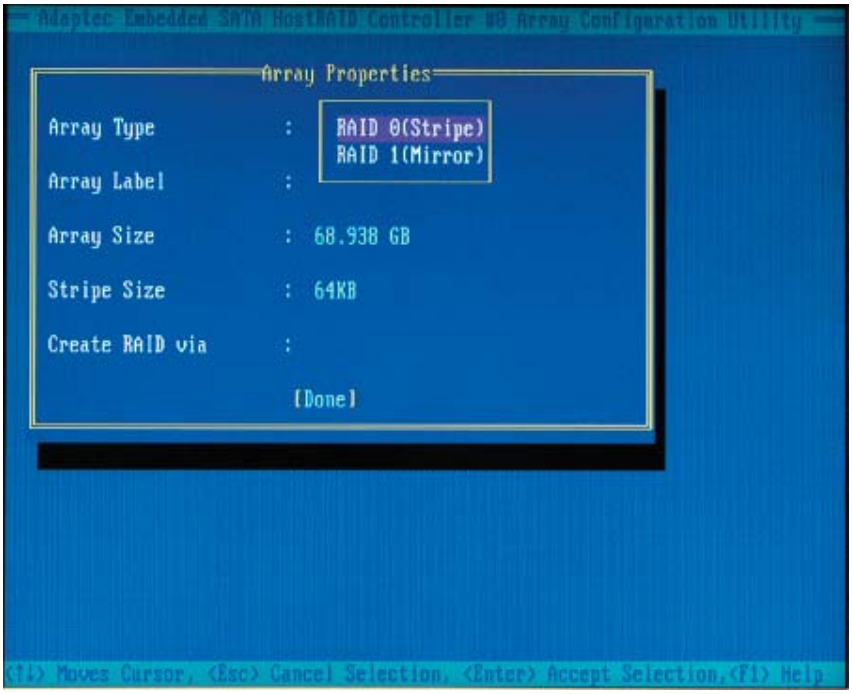
Once you've create a new array, you are ready to assign the properties to the array.

Caution: Once the array is created and its properties are assigned, you cannot change the array properties using the ACU. You will need to use the Adaptec Storage Manager - Browser Edition. (Refer to Adaptec's User's Guide in the enclosed CD.)

To assign properties to the new array:

1. In the Array Properties menu (as shown in the following screen), select an array type and press Enter.

Note: only the available array types: RAID 0, and RAID1, are displayed on the screen. (RAID 0 or RAID 1 requires two drives.)


Adaptec Embedded SATA HostRAID Controller BB Array Configuration Utility
Array Properties
Array Type : RAID 0(Stripe)
RAID 1(Mirror)
Array Label :
Array Size : 68.938 GB
Stripe Size : 64KB
Create RAID via :
[Done]
(↑↓) Moves Cursor, (Esc) Cancel Selection, (Enter) Accept Selection, (F1) Help

2. Under the item "Arrays Label", type in an label and press Enter. (Note: The label shall not be more than 15 characters.)

3. For RAID 0, select the desired stripe size. (Note: Available stripe sizes are 16, 32, and 64 KC-default. It is recommended that you do not change the default setting.)

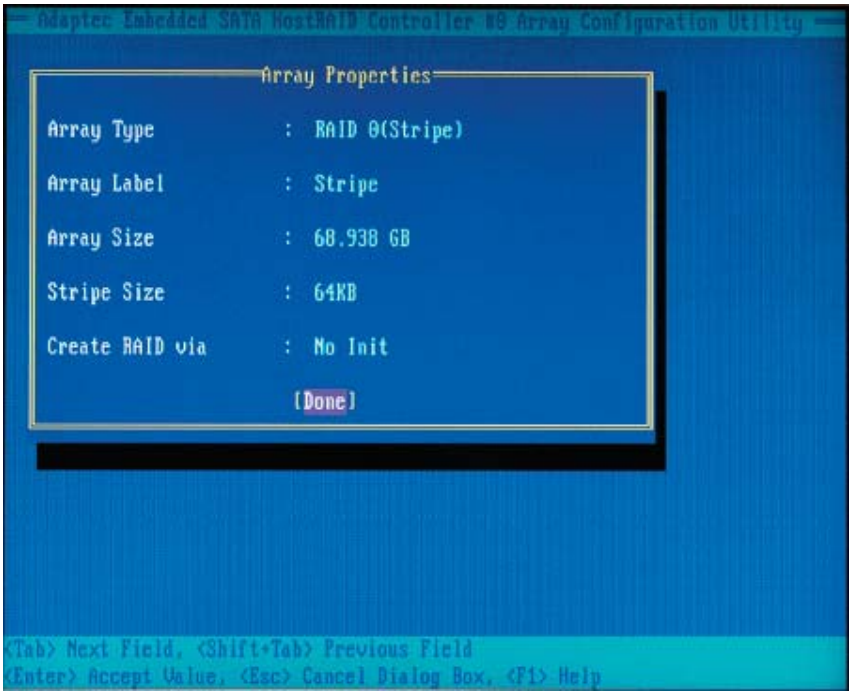
4. The item: "Create RAID via" allows you to select between the different creating methods for RAID 0 and RAID 1.

The following table gives examples of when each is appropriate.

Raid Level	Create Via	When Appropriate
RAID 0	No Init	Creating a RAID 0 on new drives
RAID 0	Migrate (*Note)	Creating a RAID 0 from one new drive and one drive with data you wish to preserve
RAID 1	Build1	Any time you wish to create a RAID 1, but especially if you have data on one drive that you wish to preserve
RAID 1	Clear	Creating a RAID 1 on new drives, or when you want to ensure that the array contains no data after creation.
RAID 1	Quick	Fastest way to create a RAID 1. Appropriate when using new drives
RAID 1	Init	

Note: If you select Migrate for RAID 0, or Build for RAID 1, you will be asked to select the source drive. The contents of the source drive will be preserved. However, the data on the new drive will be lost.

5. When you are finished, press Done (as the screen shown below).



Notes:

1. Before adding a new drive to an array, back up any data contained on the new drive. Otherwise, all data will be lost.

2. If you stop the Build or Clear process on a RAID 1 from ACU, you can restart it by pressing Ctrl+R.

3. A RAID 1 created using the Quick Init option may return some data mis-compares if you later run a consistency check. This is normal and is not a cause for concern.

4. The ACU allows you to use drives of different sizes in a
RAID . However, during a build operation, only the smaller drive can be selected as the source or first drive.

5. When migrating from single volume to RAID 0, migrating from a larger drive to a smaller drive is allowed. However, the destination drive must be at least half the capacity of the source drive.

6. Adaptec does not recommend that you migrate or build an array on Windows dynamic disks (volumes), as it will result in data loss.

Warning: Do not interrupt the creation of a RAID 0 using the Migrate option. If you do, you will not be able to restart, or to recover the data that was on the source drive.

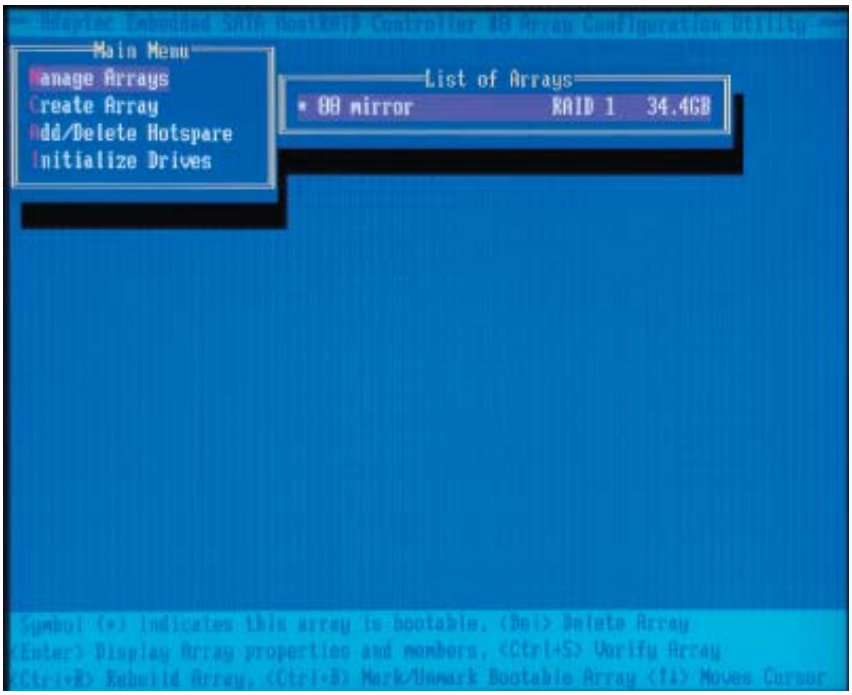
Adding a Bootable Array

To make an array bootable:

1. From the Main menu, select Manage Arrays.

2. From the List of Arrays, select the array you want to make bootable, and press Ctrl+B.

3. Enter Y to create a bootable array when the following message is displayed: "This will make all other existing bootable array non-bootable. Do you want to make this array bootable? (Yes/No):" Then, a bootable array will be created. An asterisk will appear next to the bootable array (as shown in the picture below:)



Deleting a Bootable Array

To delete a bootable array:

1. From the Main menu, select Manage Arrays.

2. From the List of Arrays, select the bootable array (*) you want to delete, andpress Ctrl+B. (*a bootable array is the array marked with an asterisk (as shown in the picture above.)

3. Enter Y to delete a bootable array when the following message is displayed: "The array is already marked bootable. Do you want to make this array as not bootable? (Yes/No):" Then, the bootable array will be deleted and the asterisk will disappear.

Note: do not use the delete key to delete the bootable array.

Adding/Deleting Hotspares

Note: In order to rebuild a RAID (RAID 0 or RAID 1), you would need to add a new HDD as a hotspare.

1. Turn on your computer and press Ctrl+A as prompted to access the ARC Utility.

2. From the ARC menu, select Array Configuration Utility (ACU).

3. From the ACU menu, select Add/Delete Hotspares.

4. Use the up and down arrow keys to highlight and select the disk you want to designate as a hotspare, and press <Insert>, and then, press <Enter>.

5. Press yes when the following prompt is displayed:

"Do you want to create spare?" (Yes/No?)

The spare you have selected will appear in the Select Drive Menu.

Initializing Disk Drives

If an installed disk does not appear in the disk selection list for creating a new array, or if it appears grayed out, you may have to initialize it before you can use it as part of an array. Drives attached to the controller must be initialized before they can be used in an array.

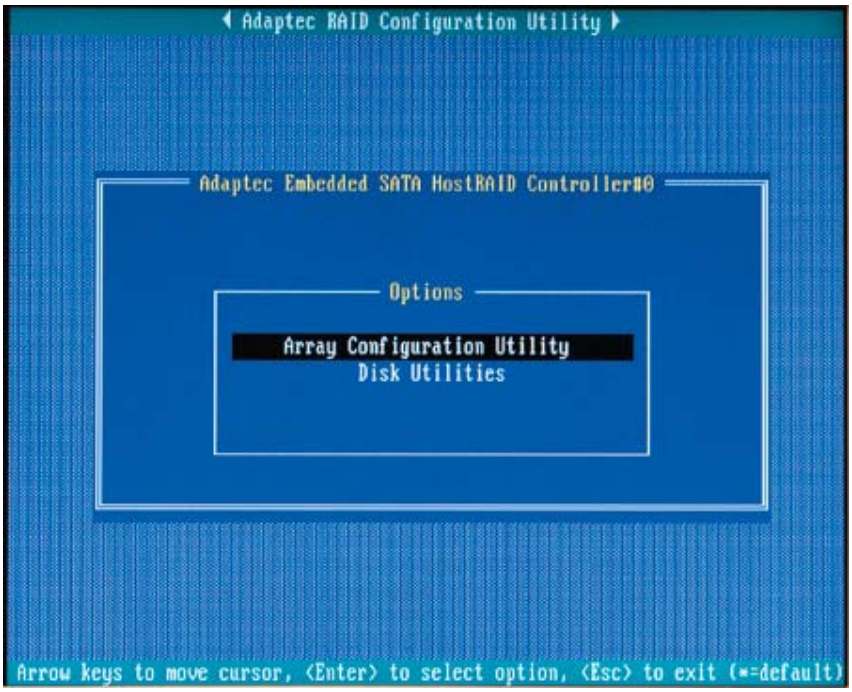
Caution: Initializing a disk overwrites the partition table on the disk and makes any data on the disk inaccessible. If the drive is used in an array, you may not be able to use the array again.

Do not initialize a disk that is part of a boot array. To determine which disks are associated with a particular array, please refer to *Viewing Array Properties.*

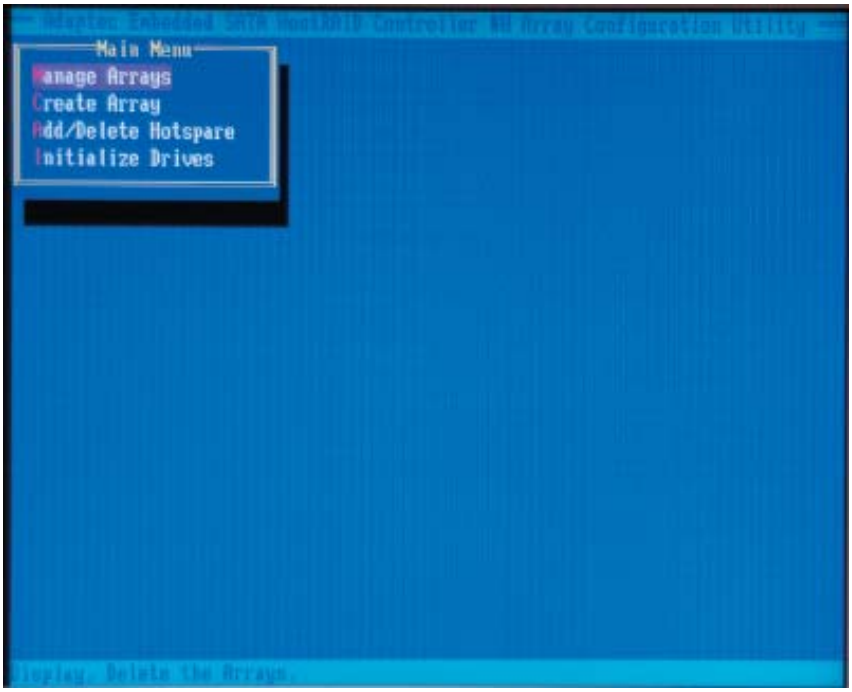
To initialize drives:

1. Turn on your computer and press Ctrl+A when prompted to access the ARC utility.

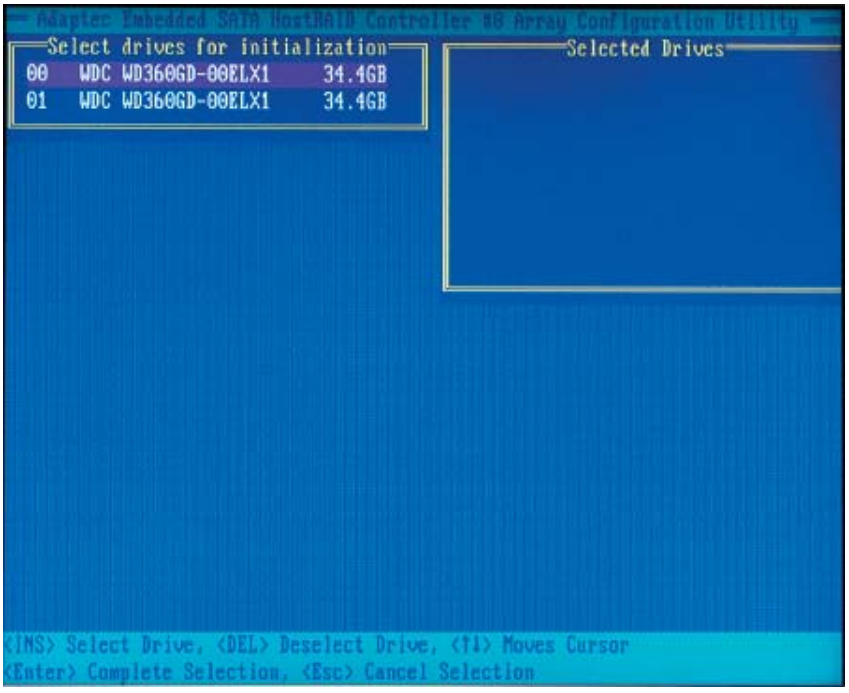
2. From the ARC menu, select Array Configuration Utility (ACU) (as shown in the screen below).


Adaptec RAID Configuration Utility
Adaptec Embedded SATA HostRAID Controller#0
Options
Array Configuration Utility
Disk Utilities
Arrow keys to move cursor, <Enter> to select option, <Esc> to exit (*=default)

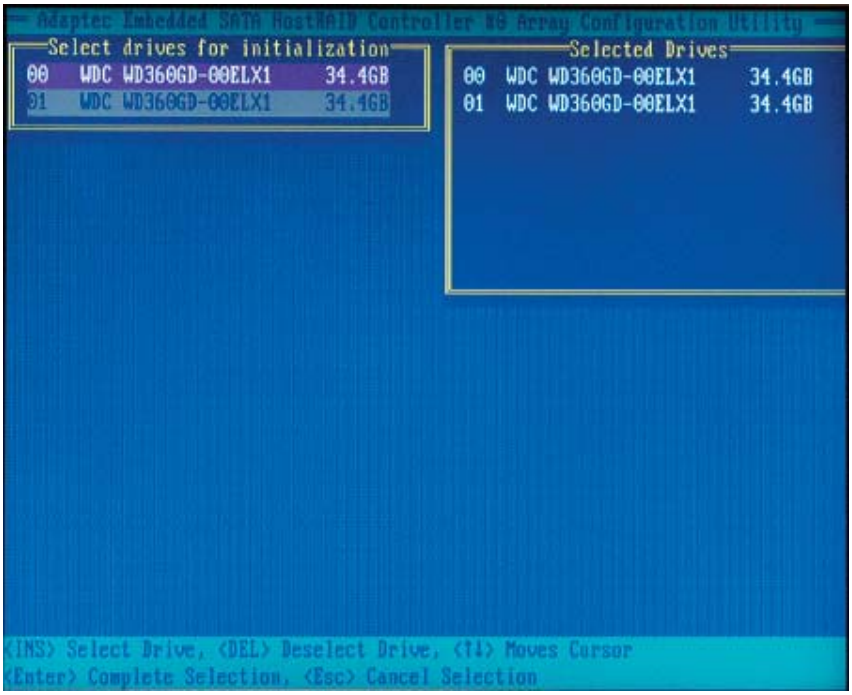
3. Select Initialize Drives (as shown in the screen below).



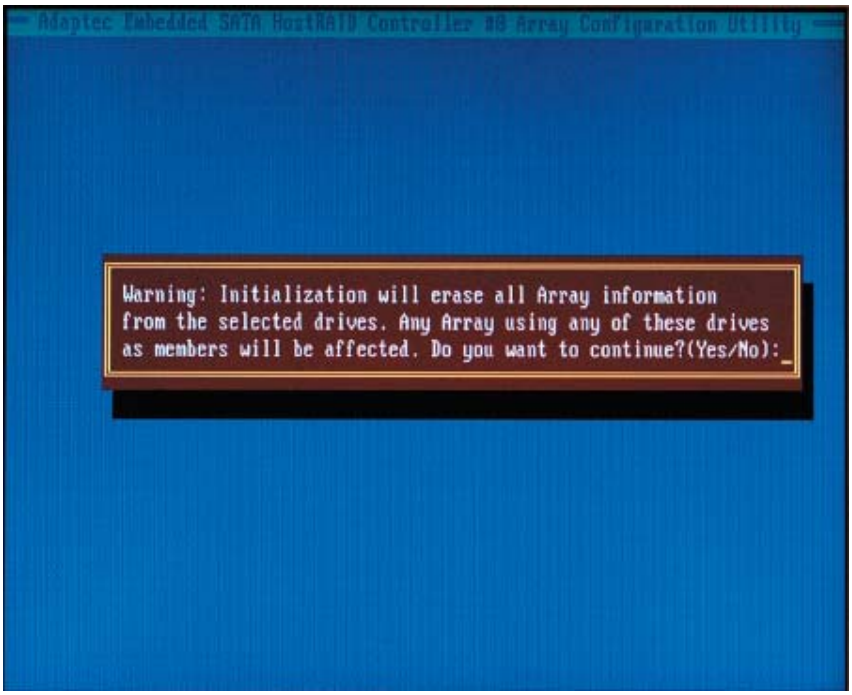
4. Use the up and down arrow keys to highlight the disk you wish to initialize and press Insert (as shown in the screen below).


Select drives for initialization
00 WDC WD360GD-00ELX1 34.4GB
01 WDC WD360GD-00ELX1 34.4GB
Selected Drives
<INS> Select Drive, <DEL> Deselect Drive, <↑↓> Moves Cursor
<Enter> Complete Selection, <Esc> Cancel Selection

5. Repeat Step 4 so that both drives to be initialized are selected (as shown in the screen below).


Adaptec Embedded SATA HostRAID Controller BB Array Configuration Utility
Select drives for initialization
00 WDC WD360GD-00ELX1 34.4GB
01 WDC WD360GD-00ELX1 34.4GB
Selected Drives
00 WDC WD360GD-00ELX1 34.4GB
01 WDC WD360GD-00ELX1 34.4GB
<INS> Select Drive, <DEL> Deselect Drive, <↑↓> Moves Cursor
<Enter> Complete Selection, <Esc> Cancel Selection

6. Press Enter.
7. Read the warning message as shown in the screen.


Adaptec Embedded SATA HostRAID Controller BB Array Configuration Utility
Warning: Initialization will erase all Array information
from the selected drives. Any Array using any of these drives
as members will be affected. Do you want to continue?(Yes/No):_

8. Make sure that you have selected the correct disk drives to initialize. If correct, type Y to continue.

Rebuilding Arrays

Note 1: Rebuilding applies to Fault Tolerant array (RAID 1) only.

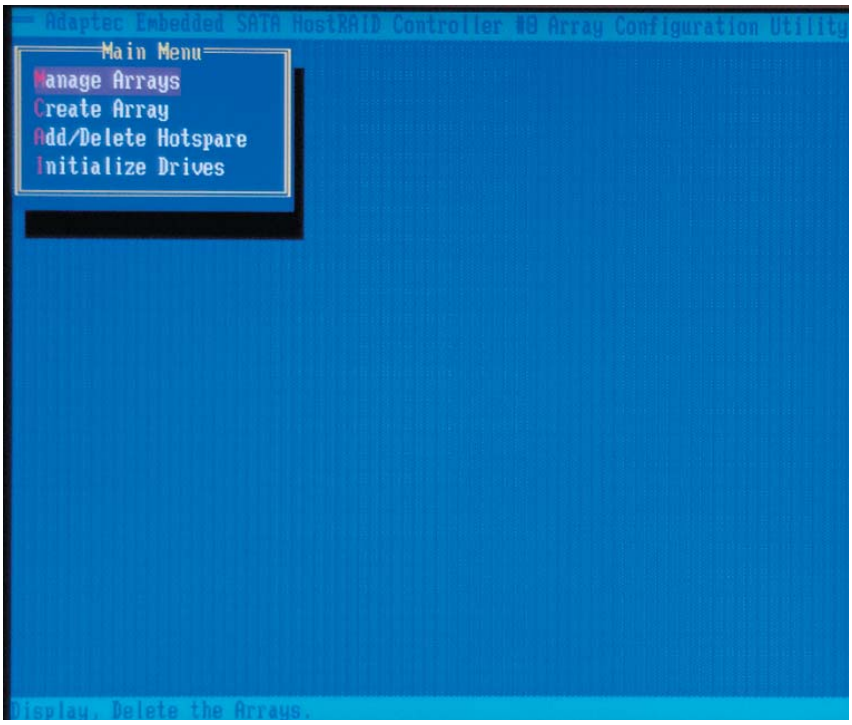
If an array Build process (or initialization) is interrupted or critical with one member missing, you must perform a Rebuild to optimized its functionality. For a critical array Rebuild operation, the optimal drive is the source drive.

Note 2: If no spare array exists and a hard disk drive fails, you need to create a spare before you can rebuild an array.

To Rebuild an array:

1 From the Main Menu, select Manage Arrays (as shown in the screen below). From the List of Arrays, select the array you want to Rebuild.

2 Press Ctrl+R to Rebuild.

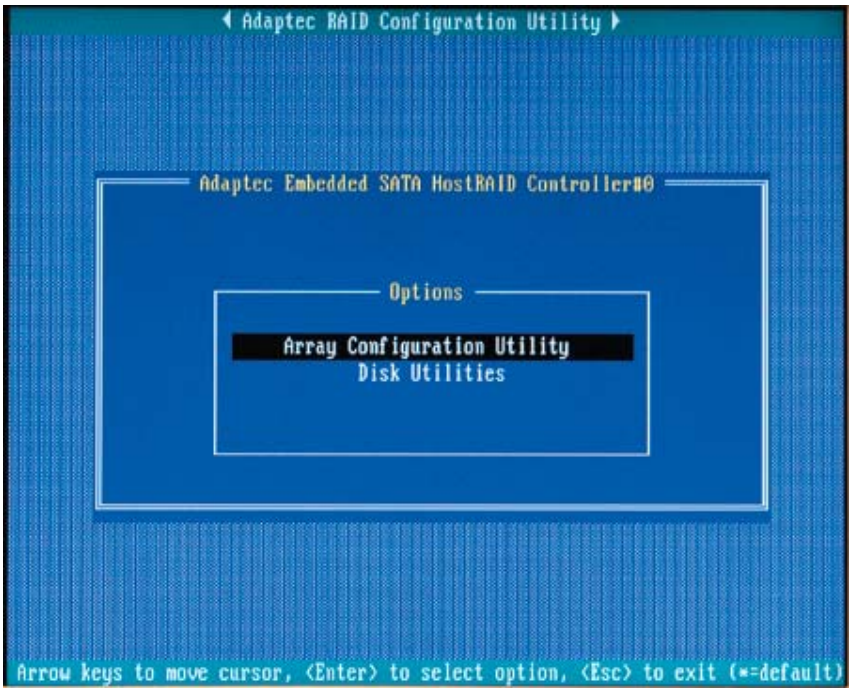


Using the Disk Utilities

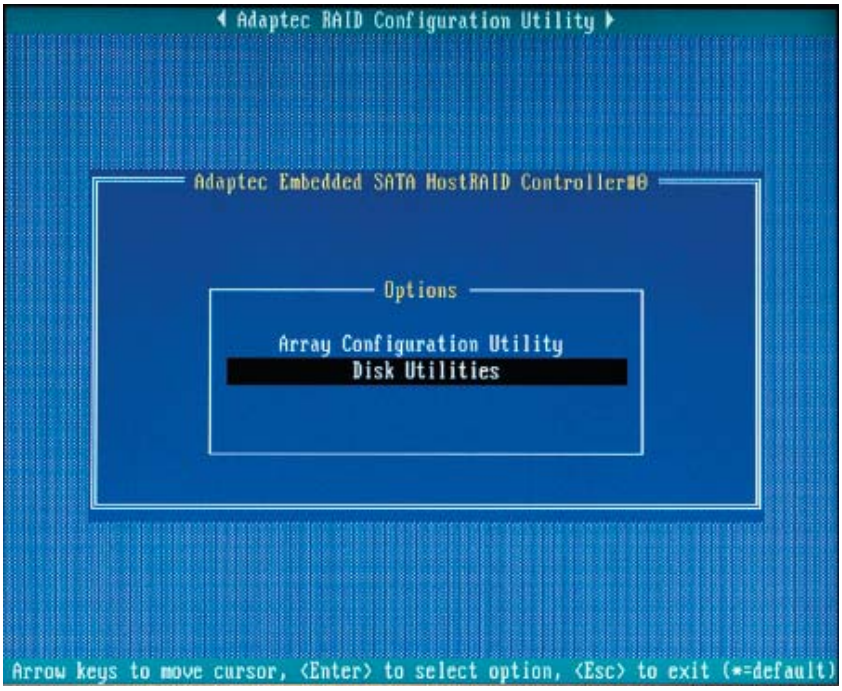
The Disk Utilities enable you to format or verify the media of your Serial ATA hard disks.

To access the disk utilities:

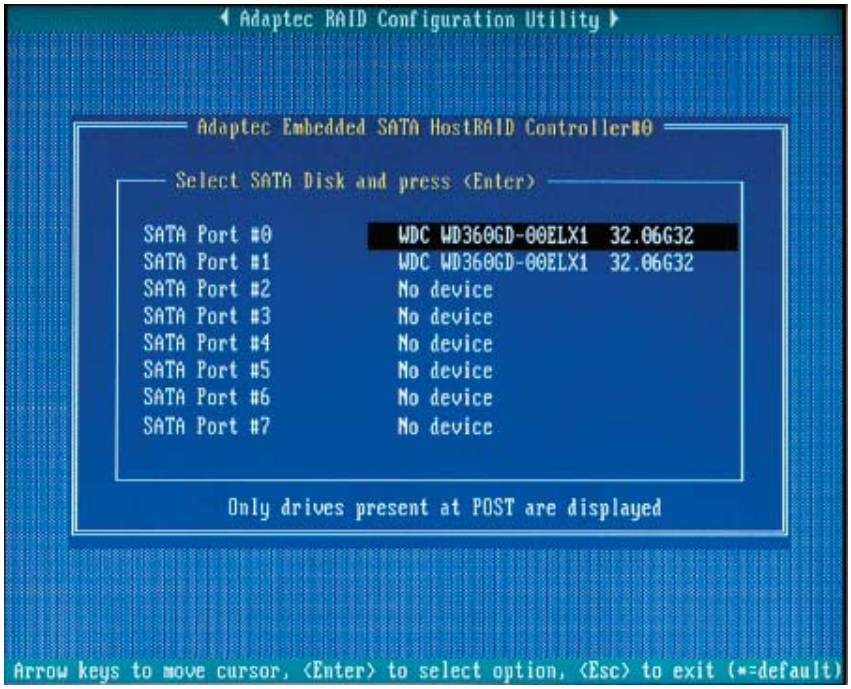
1. Turn on your computer and press Ctrl+A when prompted to access the ARC utility (as shown in the screen below.)


Adaptec RAID Configuration Utility
Adaptec Embedded SATA HostRAID Controller#0
Options
Array Configuration Utility
Disk Utilities
Arrow keys to move cursor, <Enter> to select option, <Esc> to exit (*=default)

2. From the ARC menu, select Disk Utilities as shown in the screen below.


Adaptec RAID Configuration Utility
Adaptec Embedded SATA HostRAID Controller#0
Options
Array Configuration Utility
Disk Utilities
Arrow keys to move cursor, <Enter> to select option, <Esc> to exit (*=default)

3. Select the desired disk and press Enter (as shown in the screen below.)


Adaptec RAID Configuration Utility
Adaptec Embedded SATA HostRAID Controller#0
Select SATA Disk and press <Enter>
SATA Port #0 WDC WD360GD-00ELX1 32.06G32
SATA Port #1 WDC WD360GD-00ELX1 32.06G32
SATA Port #2 No device
SATA Port #3 No device
SATA Port #4 No device
SATA Port #5 No device
SATA Port #6 No device
SATA Port #7 No device
Only drives present at POST are displayed
Arrow keys to move cursor, <Enter> to select option, <Esc> to exit (*=default)

You can choose from the following options:

1. Format Disk—Simulates a low-level format of the hard drive by writing zeros to the entire disk. Serial ATA drives are low-level formatted at the factory and do not need to be low-level formatted again.

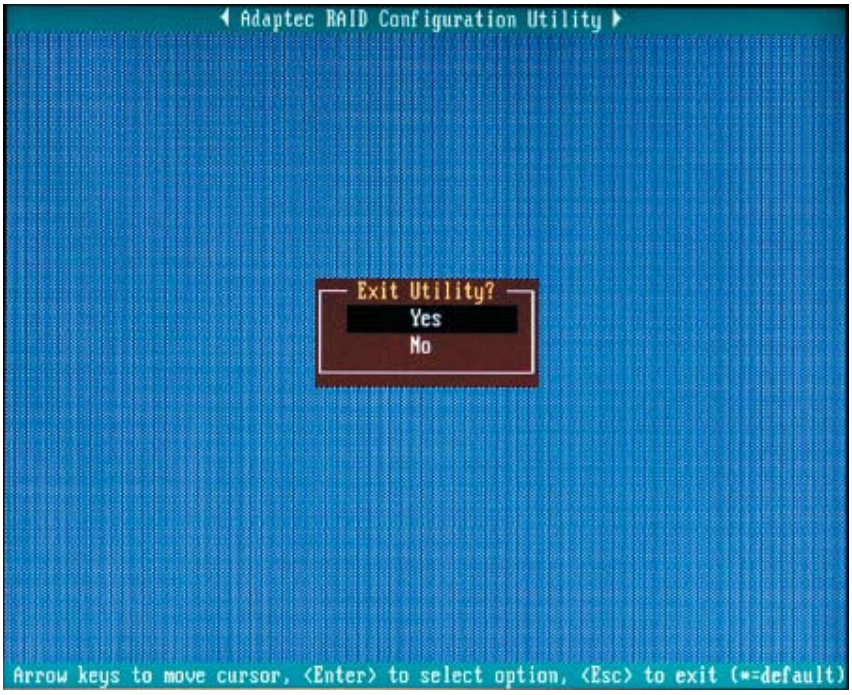
(Caution: Formatting destroys all data on the drive. Be sure to back up your data before performing this operation.)

2. Verify Disk Media—Scans the media of a disk drive for defects.

To Exit Adaptec RAID Configuration Utility

1. Once you have completed RAID array configurations, press ESC to exit. The following screen will appear.

2. Press Yes to exit the Utility.



For more information regarding Adaptec RAID Utility, please refer to Adaptec's User's Guide in the CD included in your shipping package. You can also download a copy of Adaptec User's Guide from our web site at: www. supermicro.com.

C-2 Installing Intel's ICH5R Driver by Adaptec and the Operating System

a. Insert Supermicro's bootable CD that came with the package into the CD Drive during the system reboot, and the screen:"Super Micro Driver Diskette Maker" will appear.

b. Choose from the list the item: "Intel ICH5R Driver by 3rd Party (Adaptec)" and press <ENTER>.

c. From the next screen displayed, choose the OS driver you want to install and press <Enter>.

d. Insert a formatted diskette into drive A: and press <Enter> as prompted.

e. Exit the program after the process is completed. Then, reboot the system.

f. Insert the Microsoft Windows OS Setup CD in the CD Driver, and the system will start to boot up from CD.

g. Press the <F6> key when the message-"Press F6 if you need to install a third party SCSI or RAID driver" displays.

h. When the Windows OS Setup screen appears, press "S" to specify additional device(s).

i. Insert the driver diskette-"Adaptec Embedded Serial ATA Raid Controller Driver" into Drive A: and press the <Enter> key.

j. Choose the Adaptec Embedded Host Serial ATA Raid Controller from the list indicated in the Windows OS Setup Screen, and press the <Enter> key.

k. Press the <Enter> key to continue the installation process. (If you need to specify any additional devices to be installed, do it at this time.) Once all devices are specified, press the <Enter> key to continue with the installation.

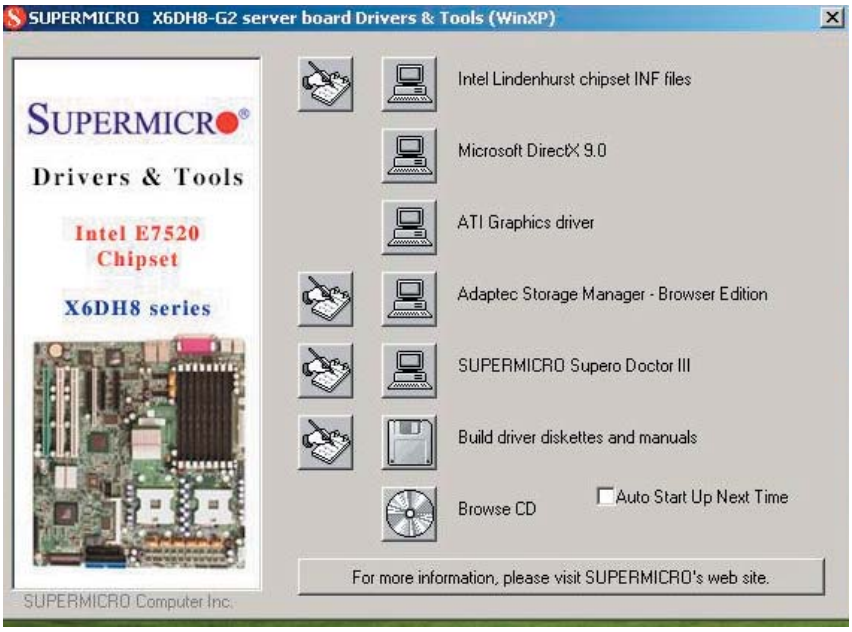
l. From the Windows OS Setup screen, press the <Enter> key. The OS Setup will automatically load all device files, and, then, continue the Windows OS installation.

m. After the Windows OS Installation is completed, the system will automatically reboot.

C-3 Installing Other Software Programs and Drivers

A. Installing Drivers other than Adaptec Embedded Serial ATA RAID Controller Driver

After you've installed Windows Operating System, a screen as shown below will appear. You are ready to install software programs and drivers that have not yet been installed. To install these software programs and drivers, click the icons to the right of these items.



Driver/Tool Installation Display Screen

Note: Click the icons showing a hand writing on paper to view the readme files for each item. Click the computer icons to the right of these items to install each item (from top to the bottom) one at a time. **After installing each item, you must re-boot the system before moving on to the next item on the list.** The bottom icon with a CD on it allows you to view the entire contents of the CD.

(Please refer to the Adaptec User's Guide for the installation of Adaptec's Serial ATA RAID Controller Driver. Adaptec's User's Guide is included in the CD. You can also download a copy of the user's guide from our web site.)

Supero Doctor III

The Supero Doctor III program is a Web base management tool that supports remote management capability. It includes Remote and Local Management tools. The local management is called SD III Client. The Supero Doctor III program included on the CDROM that came with your motherboard allows you to monitor the environment and operations of your system. Supero Doctor III displays crucial system information such as CPU temperature, system voltages and fan status. See the Figure below for a display of the Supero Doctor III interface.

Note 1: The default user name and password are ADMIN.

Note 2: In the Windows OS environment, the Supero Doctor III settings take precedence over the BIOS settings. When first installed, Supero Doctor III adopts the temperature threshold settings previously set in the BIOS. Any subsequent changes to these thresholds must be made within Supero Doctor, since the SD III settings override the BIOS settings. For the Windows OS to adopt the BIOS temperature threshold settings, please change the SDIII settings to be the same as those set in the BIOS.

Supero Doctor III Interface Display Screen-I (Health Information)

Supero Doctor III Interface Display Screen-II (Remote Control)

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help
Super Doctor III
Remote Management
SUPERMICRO
Remote Control
Graceful Power control
Open Console
Power Control
Enter
Graceful power control
Supero Doctor III allows a user to inform the OS to reboot or shut down within a specified time (the default is 30 seconds). Before the system reboots or shuts down, it's allowed to cancel the action.
Requirements
Keep Supero SD3Service Daemon running at all times on this system.
Provide TCP/IP connectivity.
Power control

Notes: 1. SD III Software Revision 1.0 can be downloaded from our Web site at: ftp://ftp.supermicro.com/utility/Supero_Doctor_III/. You can also download SDIII User's Guide at: http://www.supermicro.com/PRODUCT/Manuals/SDIII/UserGuide.pdf. For Linux, we will still recommend Supero Doctor II. 2 .For detailed information on Adaptec's SCSI SATA HostRAID Utility, please refer to the CDs included in the shipping package.

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